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THE VICKSBURGH FAILURE

A Full History of the Last Attempt to Capture the Rebel Stronghold.

The Glorious Heroism of Our Troops.

Special Report to the New-York Times.

DE SOTO PARISH, THURSDAY, Jan. 1, 1863.

I wrote you on the 26th, on account of our adventures from Milliken's to Milliken's Bend; and again on the 30th wrote you, giving full details of our late battle, together with maps, diagrams, &c., of the battle-ground and surroundings.

I know then, when mailing the letters, that I was sending suspicious characters, and for that reason inclosed the letters in other envelopes, sealed them up, put on the proper number of stamps, and addressed them to private parties in Cairo, with a request to remail them. I did not suppose at the time that officers were under charge of gentlemen, who would demean to the small business of robbing mails and opening private letters; but in this my conclusions appear to have been incorrect. All the communications to newspapers have, whether addressed directly or to private parties in the North, been opened, their contents read and the letters retained.

It may be remarked here that had the Commander-in-Chief, Gen. W. T. SHERMAN, and his Staff, spent half the time and enterprise in the legitimate operations of their present undertaking, that they have in bullying correspondents, overhauling mail-bags and prying into private correspondence, the country would not now have the shame of knowing that we have just been experienced one of the greatest and most disgraceful defeats of the war.

It will, however, scarcely be expected that men whose forte has in meddling into the private affairs of other parties—in rummaging mail-bags, tearing open envelopes and reading private correspondence, are entitled to carry out successfully an operation so gigantic as the reduction of Vicksburgh. The prime mover in the whole affair is a fellow named ———, a subordinate on SHERMAN'S Staff—a man whose aptitude for meddling, bluster and insolent qualities him admirably for some instrument which crawling under beds, listening at key-holes and never-dropping gratuitously can do such participation.

CUTTING THE RAILROAD WEST OF VICKSBURGH.

We left Milliken's Bend on the Mississippi, on the afternoon of Christmas, without any occurrence of special interest, beyond sending a portion of Gen. A. J. SMITH'S Division, under command of Col. CLARK WEAVER, of the Sixth Missouri Cavalry, to cut the railroad leading west of Vicksburgh across Louisiana. I may say here that they accomplished the object of their journey successfully.

They struck the railroad at a point between Delhi and Dallas; torn up the track for a mile, burned about three miles of trestle-work, destroyed some five hundred bales of cotton and three hundred of cassava, intended for sacks for the Confederate Army. The destruction of the road is a severe blow to the rebels, as it cuts off the line along which they have been receiving cattle and other supplies from Texas. The expedition reached here on Monday, the 30th, without having lost a man or experienced any opposition from the enemy, who appear to have been completely taken by surprise.

UP THE YAZOO—THE COUNTRY.

Friday morning found us some ten or twelve miles up the Yazoo, at a landing on the South bank directly opposite the mouth of Cypress Bayou, and in front of the deserted residence of the rebel General Smith. The buildings were burnt last September by the gunboats in retaliation for having been fired upon near the place, and the result was that what once was a beautiful, thrifty plantation, is now a collection of naked chimneys, blackened ruins and land overgrown with hideous weeds. JOHNSTON was killed and his property ruined, their showing that treason, in his case at least, was not profitable. A son of his, who is a Captain in the rebel army here at Vicksburgh, informed some of our men who went out with a flag of truce yesterday, that the Northern raid had damaged him by fire alone to the amount of $60,000, a course, he added, not calculated to increase either his love or respect for the Union.

As soon as practicable after landing, Gen. BLAIR, with his brigade, pushed away from the river in order to examine the country and "feel" for the enemy.

A short description of the country hereabouts will be interesting in order to understand our operations. The Yazoo River runs in a southwesterly direction, and empties into the Mississippi River a short distance above Vicksburgh. Commencing on the Mississippi in the vicinity of Vicksburgh, and sweeping around in a northeasterly direction, is a line of hills or bluffs, which strike the Yazoo River about twenty miles above its mouth. By reference to the map it will be seen that there is then left, between the river and this line of bluffs, a portion of country of an irregular shape, which is some twenty miles in length, and about three or four in width, at a point half way or so between Vicksburgh and the point where the hills reach the Yazoo River.

At the point of intersection there is a fort of eight guns, built upon what is called Haynes' Bluff, and from this point down to Vicksburgh the slope of the hills toward the river is fortified to command every accessible device of approach.

The country between the river and the bluffs is a portion of the alluvial land, or what is generally called the "Bottoms" of Mississippi. Originally, it was all a swamp, subject to overflow during high water, is cut up with innumerable bayous, sloughs and bites, which are sometimes dry or again filled with water, according to the character of the season. As such land is very productive, it is, where possible, reclaimed from the waters, protected embankments and cultivated, by clearing up the timber and building levees. Such is the case here. In that portion of the "bottoms" overlooked by the bluffs and the Yazoo River, there are a half-dozen plantations scattered here and there, while along the river and around the lakes and bayous are village-like settlements, with levees.

Just above here, and commencing at the river, is Chickasaw Bayou, which runs in nearly a direct line toward the bluffs; but just before reaching them it divides into two parts, one running down the bluffs and the other up, forming in all a something shaped not unlike the letter Y. The right arm of this letter extends down to Vicksburgh—the left one extends up along the bluffs and terminates at Thompson's Lake.

Opposite the fork of Chickasaw Bayou, there is, in the Bluffs, a sort of amphitheatre, a mile and a half in length, by a half or so in height. In this amphitheatre is a system of fortifications of the most formidable character, and which, at the expense of much time, blood and strategy, we have vainly attempted, since our arrival, to carry. These explanations, with a map which I send you, will, I hope, give an idea of the country which may be understood.

BLAIR'S BRIGADE, as I have stated, pushed out FRI-day afternoon to feel of the enemy, and learn the condition of the country between the river and the Bluffs. Before giving the doings of Gen. BLAIR, it may be well to allude to some other operations.

—DOINGS OF THE GUNBOATS—REBEL SHARPSHOOTERS.

As soon as we reached Johnson's Landing, Friday, the gunboats steamed on up the river, in order to examine the country, clear the river of suspicion and the shores of batteries, and prepare the way for an attack upon the fort at Haynes' Bluff. Their progress Friday was very slow—the banks were lined with rebel Sharpshooters, who, protected by the high levee on the South bank, effectually prevented the boats from landing. But men in view to look for torpedoes. The result was that they accomplished nothing until the next day, at which time the arrival of infantry enabled them to get rid of their troublesome antagonists.

It was a modern rendering of the fable of the Sun and the gnat—a single riflemen behind the levee could annoy to distraction the mammoth Benton, with her formidable armament of rifled columbiads and heavy Dahlgrens. It was in vain that rifle-shot cut down huge trees and tore great furrows in the bank, or great howling like a tempest over the country, none of all this was half as effectual as the whip-like crack of a rifle, whose small pellet of lead convinced every point of the armor of this huge leviathan. It was the agile sword-fish against the ponderous whale—and, as usual, the whale received much the worst of it.

But leaving the *Benton* to thunder vainly at her small but deadly foes, I will get the balance of the army in motion. Friday night and Saturday morning was spent in getting the various divisions and their transportation, &c., ashore, and getting affairs ready for a general advance during the day.

Saturday morning about 9 o'clock, two brigades of Gen. STEVEN'S Division were ordered to proceed up the river, and assist the gunboats in clearing the banks of sharpshooters, in order that the left of the column of attack might be formed at the point occupied by the fleet. Gen. HOVEY'S Brigade took the advance, and headed by the Seventy-sixth Ohio, on the transport *Meteor*, pushed ahead. About a mile above Chickasaw Bayou we reached the gunboat fleet, and also a narrow lake running parallel with Chickasaw Bayou, and about a mile above it, on the upper side of which is a levee running along the lake and ending near the upper end of the amphitheatre before spoken of.

When we reached the fleet, Gen. HOVEY landed the advance regiment, who deployed along the levee as *skirmishers, and soon succeeded in driving off the* rebels behind the bank, without any loss either to us or them, after which the fleet moved up, and the balance of Gen. STEVEN'S Division was put ashore.

THE PROGRAMME OF OPERATIONS.

The general programme of operations was to have Gen. STEVEN, with two brigades, advance against the Bluffs, along a levee on the upper side of Thompson's Lake, while at the same time the balance of the column would move forward below the bayou, drive back the enemy, and upon getting within the vicinity of their fortifications, effect a junction with those above. It was believed that there was a point in Chickasaw Bayou near the bluffs, and this side of this point where the bayou forked, that was dry, and here it was supposed that the junction could be effected.

This was undoubtedly a most serious mistake, for the reason, as was afterward shown, that this portion of the enemy's works was stronger by far than any other from Haynes' Bluff to Vicksburgh, and could only be approached by long narrow causeways and routes, all of which are swept by rebel artillery and sharpshooters. Along the crest of the bluff is a country road, which runs to Vicksburgh. To gain this was our object; to keep us from gaining it, of course, the object of the enemy.

A REBEL TRAP.

Undoubtedly, the enemy wished us to attack them at this point. All other approaches to the bluff were obstructed, while this was left unwittingly open, and for fear that we should not see it, they stationed sharpshooters along the shore to attract our attention. Forces were landed to drive them back, when, lo! they found broad, excellent roads leading across the swamp, directly toward the bluffs. And then, to make assurance doubly sure, a half-dozen reliable contrabands made their appearance, who with remarkable unanimity agreed upon the fact that in this direction alone was the enemy the weakest, and the approaches the best and most unobstructed.

This was a combination which would deceive a smarter man than SHERMAN. He fell into the trap at once, and thus it was that our attack was made at the point where it was.

Saturday afternoon saw the whole corps in motion toward the bluffs. STEVEN, with two brigades under THAYER and HOVEY, moved along a levee above Thompson's Lake; below Chickasaw Bayou came MORGAN'S Division, next M. L. SMITH'S, and next, forming the right wing, came Gen. BLAIR'S Brigade, which had moved out the evening previous. All these divisions were moving straight on the enemy's works, with a slightly converging line of march that would bring them together at the end of Chickasaw Bayou, near the rebel fortifications.

Having gotten them all in motion, I will take up each division singly and relate their further adventures.

Gen. STEVEN'S Division was put ashore after infinite difficulty. Close to the shore was a dense growth of timber and underbrush, through which roads had to be cut in order to allow the landing of the artillery. This was done, the guns were hauled to the top of the bank, and then there remained to us the task of cutting a road through, or rather to the top of a vast levee that runs before us as extensive, broad and winding as the Chinese wall. This was finally done, and soon after, with much cursing, lashing and goad-ing, the batteries stood upon the levee ready to advance.

This levee runs from the river bank to the bluffs, and is on the upper side of a sort of lake which runs parallel with Chickasaw Bayou, and connects when near the bluffs with the bayou by a channel, which, in low water is dry, and affords a passage for wagons and footmen.

This levee, I may say, after reaching the Yazoo, turns up and follows the bank of the river to Haynes' Bluff, and as a matter of course afforded the rebels at that place a splendid opportunity, if disposed, to march down and close in upon the rear of STEVEN.

Gen. HOVEY led the advance with two regiments, and a half mile it ran into an advance of the enemy consisting of some four or five hundred. They, however, did not show much fight, but fell back as we approached, having evidently been placed there for the purpose of indicating us to follow them. In this advance the Twenty-fifth Iowa lost one man killed and eight wounded. There is an old cotton-field, overgrown with huge cockle-burrs, next to the river—we crossed this for a mile or thereabouts, and then entered a swamp which extends to the foot of the bluffs. A half mile or so in the swamp—it was growing dark, and believing that we were within a short distance of the enemy's works, the command was halted, the regiments marched off the levee into the swamp and ordered to bivouac without fire.

Having gotten Gen. STEVEN into position, I will bring up the rest of the commands, and leave them for the night to wait in cold and darkness the dawning of Sunday.

THE BENTON AND THE HAYNE'S BLUFF BATTERY.

About the time that we left the levee, the *Benton*, and perhaps some other boats, started up the river to "take a turn" at the fort on Haynes' Bluff. As I was at the time, thinking in savage jacobinic spirit of things in general, in the midst of the cold, damp swamp that enveloped Gen. STEVEN, I was unable to speak from personal observation of the *Benton's* efforts. I only know that for some three hours our nerves were disturbed by a cannonade, like that spoken of by CAMPBELL:

"Then shook the hills, with thunder riven,"

and that every instant sharp noises like monstrous whip-lashes cutting the air with fierce whistles, were borne to our ears, and that all the time all along through the low swamp, and echoing back from the bluffs, were sibilings and lowings of sounds as if a thunder-storm had descended to earth and was rolling along the ground.

The next day, in passing down the river, we met a steamboat, alongside of which was fastened the *Benton*. The thing reminded me of some soldier with a mangled comrade on his arm leaving him from the battle-field. The *Benton* seemed sorely wounded, and deserted much upon the aid of her companions. Her smoke-stacks were prostrate, her steam-pipes voiceless. The gallant old veteran was very near to actual wreck, with not enough life to drag unaided, the shattered form from the battle-field. I could compare her to nothing except it was a pepper-box on an enlarged scale—with the only defect in the figure, that instead of being able to pepper something else, she had evidently been peppered.

I learn since that she met a battery of eight guns, one of which was rifled. After an action of three hours, the *Benton* retreated, with fourteen men killed, four wounded, and enough shot-holes in her to make her a very respectable colander. Among the wounded was Capt. GWINN, who was struck by a round shot that carried away the muscle of his left breast and left arm. He lies now in a very precarious condition, but it is thought, I understand, that he will recover.

THE RIGHT WING PUT IN POSITION.

Leaving the *Benton* to be escorted down stream, and to plug up her shot-holes, I will bring the balance of the right wing of the Thirteenth Army Corps (so this army is called) into position.

As I said above, Gen. FRANK P. BLAIR, with one brigade of Gen. STEVEN'S Division, pushed forward Friday afternoon, in order to examine the country and wake up the enemy. Gen. BLAIR'S Brigade consisted of the following regiments:

Thirteenth Illinois, Col. JOHN B. WYMAN.
Twenty-ninth Missouri, Col. JOHN S. CAVENDER.
Thirtieth Missouri, Lieut.-Col. SCHADT.
Thirty-first Missouri, Col. T. C. FLETCHER.
Thirty-second Missouri, Col. F. H. MANTER.
Fifty-eighth Ohio, Col. DUSLER.
Capt. HOFFMAN'S Fourth Ohio Battery, and Company I, of the Tenth Missouri Cavalry.

This command pushed out on the extreme right, with orders to advance two or three miles, and stir up the enemy. Crossing the cotton-fields of A. S. JOHNSTON, the brigade reached the "timber," a mile or so from the landing. Fearing an enemy here, Gen. BLAIR deployed the Thirteenth Illinois as skirmishers, who advanced on the woods, and there succeeded in waking up the rebel pickets, who were driven in. As it was nearly dark, the command encamped for the night. The next morning, Saturday, the brigade resumed its march at daylight, and soon after ran across the rebel pickets in larger numbers, who fell back as our men advanced.

THE ADVANCE—THE REBELS DISCOVERED.

All that day was spent by the Brigade in advancing a distance of two or three miles through the timber. The rebels, in small force, disputed the advance, but made no serious resistance, firing occasional shots, but always falling back when our skirmishers advanced. The rebels were gradually driven from the timber, and about three o'clock the advancing column reached a plantation owned by Mrs. LAKE, and which extended from Chickasaw Bayou down toward Vicksburgh. Here was the point at which BLAIR was ordered to form a junction with MORGAN—the latter being expected to arrive at this point about four or five o'clock.

As Gen. BLAIR emerged from the woods, he saw nothing of MORGAN, but instead was greeted by a discharge of shell from a battery located near the house of Mrs. LAKE. A section of HOFFMAN'S Battery was immediately ordered forward, and for half hour or so there was a very pretty "artillery duel," which resulted in a rapid and masterly retreat by the enemy. Limbering up, they galloped along Chickasaw Bayou, and soon after disappeared in the timber which skirted the Bluffs.

Lieut. BALLOU, Co. C., Tenth Missouri Cavalry was then sent forward to reconnoitre the enemy, while the Brigade rested, and awaited the arrival of the balance of their army.

In the course of an hour or so, Lieut. BALLOU returned, having examined the country in the front. He reported the existence of a bayou running along the bluffs in the direction of Vicksburgh, behind which the enemy was in strong force.

Gen. MORGAN and MORGAN L. SMITH soon after arrived and took up position on the right of Gen. BLAIR. Upon their arrival, the Fifty-eighth Ohio and a regiment from Col. DAVID SHUMAN'S Brigade, were sent out to the right to feel the enemy and ascertain his exact locality. They spent an hour or two in feeling the enemy, and then returned, corroborating the report of BALLOU, to the effect that the enemy were in force behind the bayou that fronted the bluffs.

Contrabands from the rebel lines have since informed us that the battery which opposed our advance at the White House, on Mrs. LAKE'S plantation, was composed of 20-pound Parrott guns, and was commanded by Col. WYMAN, formerly Adjutant of the Fourth Regular Infantry U. S. A. At one time WYMAN was Brevet Second Lieutenant in the Second Infantry, in the company commanded by Captain, now Gen. STEVEN. I have no doubt that the meeting between these old comrades in arms would have been interesting, to say the least—providing we had succeeded in capturing WYMAN, which, according to our reliable contrabands, we came very near doing. They relate that when he fell back from the White House he did not dare to proceed directly to his works for fear of being cut off by our infantry; but instead of this he struck off into the timber, where he remained until night, and then, under cover of darkness, succeeded in regaining his fortifications.

THE POSITION ON THE EIGHT OF THE 29TH.

These events are all of importance that occurred up to the night of Saturday the 28th. The line of battle, as projected for the following day, was as follows: Left wing, Gen. STEVEN, with two brigades, above Chickasaw Bayou; below the Bayou, Gen. MORGAN; on his right Gen. M. L. SMITH, with Gen. BLAIR in reserve. This brings matters up to Saturday night.

I slept that night with Gen. STEVEN'S Division on the extreme left. As we were fearful that the enemy might shell us, we did not build any fires, one result of which was that, as nobody brought any blankets with them, we all came near freezing. The night was intensely frosty; and our only method of keeping warm was to keep moving. On me I wrapped myself in a shawl, and attempted to slumber, but would have accomplished it to some extent, had not some fellows, in search of either warmth or rest, chased an unfortunate calf directly over my head. They of course followed the calf, and went over too—my only reparation for damaged head and ribs, in response to a few deep but honest curses, was the somewhat lame apology that they thought I was a log.

About 2 A. M. it grew so cold that Gen. STEVEN gave permission to light small fires, probably with the idea that death by shells was preferable to death by freezing. The whole command was speedily thawing its hands and toes by the genial blaze; songs were started, and all at once the frosty starlight night grew resonate and joyful.

Around a small fire, Gen. STEVEN and several others sat, and nodded, and talked, and thought, and kept about an equal watch for moccasins and the morrow. Just before daylight, Gen. C. E. HOVEY, who had the advance, came back to our fire, and requested instructions. He looked stern and determined, and evidently meant fight. Men differ: HOVEY evidently had made up his mind to something involving interests of magnitude—his style was decidedly of the Cromwell order. A little later, and I saw Gen. THAYER; he was taking coffee, and cracking jokes to a jolly crowd, whose laughter, at the moment, was mingled with the metallic ring of ramrods, from a regiment close by, drawn up in line of battle, and who were preparing for an immediate advance. Gen. STEVEN was around, possessed of a sublime indifference that won my envy. He gave directions for the disposition of troops, ordered his horse and his breakfast, all in the same unconcerned tone—evidently feeling as little danger from one operation as from any of the others.

THE OPERATIONS OF SUNDAY.

Night, at length, as if wearied with the length of its watch, dragged itself wearily and slowly off to the westward, and with its departure went an order to Gen. HOVEY to take the Twelfth and Seventeenth Missouri and the Seventy-sixth Ohio, and feel the enemy. The balance of the Division, including the First Iowa and LANGSDALE'S Batteries, were drawn up on the levee, to be ready to support Gen. HOVEY, in case of necessity.

An unhealthy-looking simulacrum of red was just making its appearance above the eastern horizon, when the dense silence of the swamp was broken by a rattling volley of musketry, a quarter of a mile or so to our right. A moment after, and there came another volley, not continued this time, but a solid, unbroken roar, that indicated the well delivered fire of a regiment; and then, as if these two volleys had been the preparatory tuning of the instruments, a moment after the brazen orchestra thundered forth at once in full unison; cannon opened on our right, and exactly at the same instant there came a fierce blast of music from the heights in front, and just about at the moment that the right commenced, HOVEY had got his batteries and regiments in position and shed, and he too added his voice to the infernal din. Our first shell had barely left the muzzle of LANGSDALE'S 12-pound howitzer, when directly in front of us, and not distant more than eight hundred yards, the rebels let fly at us with a fifty-pound gun, which to my excited imagination sounded as if it meant to notice them a thunder storm, and carried a shell larger than a flour barrel. It came tearing through the air over our heads, scattering branches like a whirlwind, and concluded its career about five hundred yards to the rear, where it burst with an explosion like that of a 24-pounder; and then in less than ten minutes the whole thing was in full blast, with a din that excelled everything I have ever witnessed.

The volleys of musketry followed each other so closely that the ear could not distinguish one from another. The musketry was a complete volume of sound, an unbroken utterance, mingled with which came the quick, heavy reports of the artillery, like the strokes upon a bass drum in an instrumental concert.

I am forced to confess that this is all I know from personal observation, relative to the fight of Sunday. In half an hour after it commenced, a heavy pall of white smoke settled over us, so that we could not see objects fifty yards distant. The big gun of the rebels continued to throw shells near where I stood, and, fearful that the ceaseless distribution of iron fragments might involve me in an unpleasant difficulty, I mounted my horse and rode away.

The doings of Gen. STEVEN'S Division, that day, may be given in a few words. HOVEY went forward, and found that a high bluff, swarming with batteries, rifle-pits and riflemen was just before him, and that, upon the only route by which we could approach, the enemy could concentrate the fire of some thirty guns. Once or twice it was thought best to charge, and the regiments were gotten in line for that purpose. HOVEY tried it once during the day. STEVEN tried it. THAYER tried it. But all uselessly—for nothing human could be found that would cross the point upon the level upon which was converged the fire of the rebel batteries and sharpshooters. Once Gen. STEVEN led the column on foot; he crossed the line of fire, but the man halted—they would not pass it, and he returned.

All day we blazed with musket and cannon at the enemy, doing little damage and receiving little. The enemy were above us, their guns were heavier than ours, their men had the protection of rifle-pits; and so it was rather an unequal contest. But our brave fellows gave them bullet for bullet, shell for shell, and round shot for round shot until night, when in obedience to orders from SHERMAN, Gen. STEVEN fell back to the river, embarked his troops and fell down the stream below the Bayou, with a view to marching out and reinforcing MORGAN on the centre.

Although the cannonade and musketry upon STEVEN was of the loudest and heaviest description, his loss during Sunday, did not amount to more than fifty men. One shell from the big gun passed directly between Gen. STEVEN and Lieut. SCAMMON, one of his aids, but fortunately omitted bursting. Still it had passed some twenty yards further, where it exploded directly in front of Lieut. SCAMMON—the gentleman by the way, who a year ago or so, exploded a shrapnell just back of the head of your correspondent, at Forsyth, Mo. Fortunately the hour of my revenge did not then come, for the shell missed SCAMMON, and he rode on as unconcernedly as if the shower of iron that had just rained about him had been one of rose leaves. The same shell passed very nearly between the heads of Lieuts. GREEN and BALLOU, and to Gen. STEVEN, who stood just behind them, and when at the moment were not two feet distant from each other. Both gentlemen took it coolly—merely "ducking" their heads, and then going on with their conversation as coolly as if a hissing bolt of death had not just passed them. A shell from the same gun exploded just over the head of Dr. BURKE, Medical Director of Gen. STEVEN'S Division, which tore off a fair, square yard from his overcoat, and carried away a portion of one sleeve, without, however, doing the slightest damage. Many other narrow escapes were had, and much coolness displayed, all of which space forbids me to mention.

Saturday night Gen. BLAIR bivouacked on the ground from which HOFFMAN had silenced the rebel guns stationed at the White House. Sunday morning MORGAN advanced along Chickasaw Bayou toward the rebel works on the Bluffs. At the same time Gen. M. L. SMITH made a move for the rebel works at a point nearer Vicksburgh, thus leaving Gen. BLAIR between these two divisions. Gen. MORGAN advanced directly upon the White House, and found the rebels posted in force around the negro quarters, and behind the fences beyond. A sharp fight commenced here—a battery was brought into play, the result of which was that the house was riddled with cannon shot, the negro quarters knocked down, and the rebels gradually driven back across the bayou that fronted their works. Further to the right, Gen. M. L. SMITH woke up the enemy near a small bayou, some distance in front of the bluffs. A very spirited engagement ensued here, during which Gen. SMITH was severely wounded. His division being unable to drive back the enemy, Gen. BLAIR was ordered to support him, which he did by forming on SMITH'S left with his entire brigade. HOFFMAN'S Battery was also brought to bear on the rebels with a result that soon forced them from behind the bayou where they were sheltered, and drove them across the main bayou into their intrenchments.

In this engagement, Col. JOHN B. WYMAN, of the Thirteenth Illinois, was mortally wounded. He was at the head of his regiment, and had just raised his sword to give the command to fire, when he was shot through the breast. Although twenty months in the service, this was his first fight—a something that he had long wished for, in order to test the metal of his full and splendidly-drilled regiment. A more gallant officer than Col. WYMAN never drew sword, nor during the war has there fallen one whose death creates more regret among his friends than his.

The result of the fighting Sunday, was that the rebels at all points were driven back across the Bayou, into their works.

After assisting Gen. STEVEN, on the extreme right, Gen. BLAIR was ordered to cross over to Gen. MORGAN'S left. This brought him across Chickasaw Bayou and placed him on the extreme left of the whole army. Here he drove the enemy back and established himself within about five hundred yards of the first line of rifle pits.

That night the whole army bivouacked on the field, within five hundred yards of the rebel rifle-pits.

During the night that portion of A. J. SMITH'S Division which had been out to destroy the Railroad, reached Johnson's Landing and immediately marched to the field, taking position on the extreme right. Gen. STEVEN'S Division, also, during the night began coming in, and was formed along Chickasaw Bayou on the lower side, in rear of Gen. MORGAN to act as reserves.

THE OPERATIONS OF MONDAY.

The next day dawned beautifully—all nature smiled as if anticipating a comedy in the programme of the day's events. Nature smiled in the morning—that night she wept over one of the bloodiest tragedies that has thus far been enacted during the war.

In front of our forces was a wide deep bayou, across this a short distance from its further bank a line of rifle-pits. Back of these rose a gentle slope three-fourths of a mile in length, which from base to crest was lined with batteries and rifle-pits. The hill directly in front of our men had a long indentation which gave it the shape somewhat of an amphitheatre. On its right or opposite our left and about half way up the hill, was a battery of heavy siege guns, commanding our left; on the crest of the hill was a road which runs diagonally down the hill, receding the foot at the lower end of the indentation. This road on the side toward us, was protected by breastworks, and along it, from top to bottom, the enemy ran a field battery of six and twelve-pounders, which they used upon us according to our position. In addition to this battery there were others placed so as to enfilade, in case of necessity, their own rifle-pits, while at commanding points half-way up, and on the crest of the hill, were stationed heavy-mouthed guns ranged from six to twenty-four-pounders.

It was determined, on Monday, the 30th, to assault this position. It was arranged that the assault on the right of Chickasaw Bayou should be made by a brigade of MORGAN'S Division, commanded by Col. DE CORMEY, who should be supported by another brigade commanded by Gen. THAYER. All they had to do, was to follow along the bayou till they reached the bayou in front of the bluffs, cross this on a bridge, turn short to the right into the rifle-pits, drive out the enemy, &c.

On the left and on the upper side of Chickasaw Bayou, was Gen. BLAIR. The part of the programme, was to charge straight ahead and clear the rifle-pits in his front, depending for support upon the reserves that would come over on the bridge in front of MORGAN. Gen. BLAIR was encamped some five hundred yards from the rifle-pits, in a growth of cotton-wood trees. In front of him and for a distance of five hundred and fifty yards back from the Bayou, the rebels have felled the timber, making a troublesome entanglement. Through this our men would have to go, exposed to the full fire from the rifle-pits across the bayou and the batteries on the hills. Upon reaching the bayou they would have to descend a bank ten feet high, get across the water, climb another bank as high as the first, upon which were dense abattis, with their points projecting over the water. Once up and they were within a few yards of the lower range of rifle-pits.

A more difficult round for a charge, or seemingly a more hopeless undertaking, was never projected. Gen. BLAIR selected four regiments to make the attempt, and the left, the Twenty-ninth Missouri, under Col. CAVENDER, and the Thirteenth Illinois, under Lieut.-Col. GEZEAR. Two regiments were formed behind them, the Thirty-first Missouri, Col. FLETCHER, on the left, and the Fifty-eighth Ohio on the right.

It was nearly noon before the preparations were completed and the order to advance given. Simultaneously along the whole line of attack, the silence was broken by a wild cheer, and the next instant the regiments on a run, emerged from the timber, and forcing their way through the cotton-wood entanglement. The moment our gallant fellows passed from the woods, the hill in front of them seemed to enlarge, which resolved into fire from foot to summit. Long parallel lines of flame indicated the rifle-pits; broad, heavy, concentrated flames showed where the batteries were hurling their iron bolts.

De CORMEY rushed along the road in front of him, crossed the bridge that spanned the main bayou, and emerged at the first line of rifle-pits on his right, from which the enemy had run upon becoming satisfied that our men were in earnest about coming.

Here DECORMEY halted, instead of charging the second line, as he should have done. He had scarcely gotten in, when his support, the gallant THAYER, joined him on a run, and with but one regiment, the Fourth Iowa following, he crossed a wide cornfield that separated the two rows of rifle-pits, and, under a savage fire of shell, canister and musketry, he reached the second line, and routed the rebels, who fled up the hill in wild confusion. Here Gen. THAYER, for the first time, noticed that instead of a brigade he had only a regiment. He rushed back, tried to get the regiment that lay in the rifle-pits to ascend and support the gallant Iowa Fourth—they refused—he ordered the colors down, and they came to a valuable understanding, the other regiments, which should have followed him, had been turned off to the right, and could not be reached. He returned up the hill, and finding that exposed to an enfilading fire—the Fourth had lost more than half its men—he reluctantly ordered them to fall back, which they did as coolly as if they were marching on parade. They came down with little less than half the men they had when marching up the hill, with their flag literally shot to ribbons, and Col. WILLIAMSON and Gen. THAYER crying like children over the result of their costly efforts. With a support of two regiments the hill would have been carried, and possibly the fall of Vicksburgh would have followed.

With the return of Gen. THAYER came the termination of efforts against this portion of the enemy's position.

Affairs on the left under Gen. BLAIR possessed more magnitude, were fully as daring and costly, and equally unfortunate in their result. It was the veritable "jaws of hell" in which BLAIR and his gallant regiments charged, for there were "guns to the right of them," "guns to the left of them," guns as thick and deadly as those upon which rode the six hundred at Balaklava.

On horseback and in full uniform, Gen. BLAIR led the charge. All four of the regiments pushed across the strip of cotton-woods as fast as the ground would allow. The batteries and riflemen all the while covering every foot of their approach with torrents of shells and bullets. They reached the bayou, plunged down its banks, and for a moment were covered from the enemy's fire. Across the bayou was the opposite bank, ten feet high, nearly perpendicular, while over the edge projected the tops of fallen trees. A moment's halt and they went at it, and somehow gained its top. Across the next entanglement and they reach a dense abattis protecting the line of rebel huts. They crowd through it, and the next instant jump into the trench.

Without a single moment's hesitation the Twenty-ninth Missouri, Thirteenth Illinois and Thirty-first Missouri push on directly up the hill. The Fifty-eighth Ohio alone stops. Col. DUSLER springs to their front, and calls upon them to come on. They still refuse, and with a savage imprecation he starts to go alone, advances a dozen yards, and falls to the ground dead.

BLAIR'S horse is mired in crossing the bayou, and he leads his regiments on foot. They cross the cornfield, clear the second line of rifle-pits, and gain a small willow copse, about half-way to the top of the hill. Here, utterly exhausted, they halted for breathing-time. None came; they struggle painfully for a short time, but their numbers are melting away like frost before the sun. It is sure to be annihilation to stay, and a retreat is ordered; slowly they retrace their steps, and in forty minutes from the time they left the timber they have regained its shelter—what is left of them. The flag of the Twenty-ninth planted highest up the hill, remains there—there was not a soul left alive around it to bring it away. Col. FLETCHER is left by the flag wounded, but not mortally—around him are piled the dead in literal heaps.

THE FAILURE.

Thus ended the charge of Monday—one of the most gallant and useless on record since the war began. It seems miraculous that any should return alive, and in fact few did compared to the number that started up the hill. BLAIR exposed himself everywhere, and did not receive a scratch. One of his Aids, Maj. H. L. MCCORMICK, went as far as the second line of rifle-pits on his horse—here his horse fell, and he finally returned safely on foot. Capt. JONES, of the Twenty-ninth Missouri, also went up and succeeded in getting as far as the Major, where his horse met with the same fate. I believe these two gentlemen are the only ones who made their advance mounted. One of Gen. THAYER'S Aids, Lieut. P. M. TAYLOR, stuck close to the General, and behaved most coolly and gallantly, that the General promoted him to a Lieutenancy on the spot. A thousand other instances might be cited of heroism, but it is useless—every man who went up the hill is a hero, and will ever be entitled to the designation.

It is a fact that when our men drove the rebels from the rifle-pits, and were following them up the heights, the Confederates turned their batteries upon their own men, mowing down with grape and canister alike friend and foe. It is also true that many of our men were killed by our own batteries. They were thus literally hemmed in by a wall of fire, which consumed them as the flames consume the dry grass of the prairies.

I cannot speak definitely of our losses in this charge. In killed, wounded and prisoners it will amount to nearly two thousand men, among whom are many commissioned officers.

On the extreme right, at about the same time, the Sixth Missouri and Thirteenth Regular Infantry made a demonstration against the batteries and rifle-pits in their front. No direct assault was made, but during the day the Missouri regiment had twenty men killed, and some sixty wounded, while trying to dig a road down the steep banks of the bayou, in order that they might approach the enemy with a view to an assault. The best success on the left and centre put a stop to operations on the right, and prevented the repetition of another butchery.

Monday night about dusk Gen. MORGAN sent forward a flag of truce to our parapets to bring off our wounded. Through some misunderstanding the rebels fired upon the leaders and they returned.

About dark it commenced raining, and all Monday night a cold pitiless rain poured down on our exhausted troops. God only knows what was endured by the poor wounded that were left on the field—the next morning a flag of truce then went out found but three of them alive. How much they suffered and what they thought, and what visions come to them of loved ones at home as they lay dying in the cold wet hours of the night, will never be known—we can only speculate upon these things, although they are too material and horrible for contemplation.

Monday night was inexpressibly gloomy. Consciousness of defeat, the cold savage rain, anxiety for the future, the condition of our wounded, were subjects that presented themselves constantly, and filled us with trouble and foreboding. All night, too, the enemy kept his big gun in play, dropping shells in and around our camps, effectually preventing the men from obtaining their poor rest left them by the inclement weather.

CLOSING EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Tuesday it cleared up warm, but it was so muddy and our men so much exhausted by their efforts of Monday and the discomforts of the night that nothing was attempted beyond throwing up earthworks, to protect the men, in case the enemy should assume the offensive.

Yesterday, Wednesday, Gen. SHERMAN determined to divide his forces, and make a night attack upon the fort at Hayne's Bluff and the works from which we were driven Monday. Last night several brigades were marched in and embarked on steamboats, to proceed up the river. For some reason, the thing failed, and this morning found the fleet still at Johnson's Landing.

To-day has been a dull "Happy New Year," and will probably be inaugurated by our raising the siege of Vicksburgh. Gen. MCCLERNAND last evening reached the mouth of the Yazoo, and will doubtless change the programme of attack, or, what is more likely, draw off our weakened forces, and either await reinforcements or go back up the river.

SALWAY.

JEFF. DAVIS TO THE REBEL CONGRESS.

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A REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Confederate States:—

At the date of your last adjournment the preparations of the enemy for further hostilities had assumed so menacing an aspect as to excite in some minds apprehension of our ability to meet them with sufficient promptness to avoid serious reverses. These preparations were completed shortly after your departure from the seat of Government, and the armies of the United States made simultaneous advances on our frontiers on the Western rivers and on the Atlantic coast in masses so great as to evince their hope of overbearing all resistance by mere weight of numbers. This hope, however, like those previously entertained by our foes, vanished.

In Virginia, their fourth attempt at invasion by armies whose assured success was confidently predicted, has met with decisive repulse. Our noble Confederates, under the consummate leadership of their General, have again, at Fredericksburgh, inflicted on the forces under Gen. BURNSIDE the like disastrous overthrow as had been previously suffered by the successive invading armies commanded by Gens. McDOWELL, McCLELLAN, and POPE.

In the West, obstinate battles have been fought with varied fortunes, marked by frightful carnage on both sides; but the enemy's hopes of decisive results have again been baffled, while at Vicksburgh another formidable expedition has been repulsed, with incomparable loss on our side and severe damage to the assailing forces.

On the Atlantic coast the enemy has been unable to gain a footing beyond the protecting shelter of his fleets, and the city of Galveston has been recovered by our forces, which succeeded not only in the capture of the garrison, but of one of the enemy's vessels of war, which was carried by boarding-parties from merchant river steamers.

THANKS TO THE ALMIGHTY.

Our fortified positions have everywhere been much strengthened and improved, affording assurance of our ability to meet with success the utmost efforts of our enemies, in spite of the magnitude of their preparations for attack. A review of our history of the two years of our national existence affords ample cause for congratulation, and demands the most fervent expression of our thankfulness to the Almighty Father who has blessed our cause. We are justified in asserting, with a pride surely not unbecoming, that these Confederate States have added another to the lessons taught by history for the instruction of man, that they have afforded another example of the imp

propriety in giving prompt assurance of our desire to continue amicable relations with all mankind.

It was under the influence of these considerations that your predecessors, the Provisional Government, took early measures for sending to Europe Commissioners charged with the duty of visiting the capitals of the different Powers, and making arrangements for the opening of more formal diplomatic intercourse. Prior, however, to the arrival abroad of these Commissioners, the United States had commenced hostilities against the Confederacy by dispatching a naval expedition for the reinforcement of Fort Sumter, after an express promise to the contrary, and with a destitute vessel has been fully revealed in a former message. They had also addressed communications to the different Cabinets of Europe, in which they assumed the attitude of being sovereign over this Confederacy, alleging that these independent States were in rebellion against the remaining States of the Union, and threatening Europe with manifestations of their displeasure if it should recognize the Confederate States as having an independent existence. *It soon became known that these pretensions were not considered abroad as they were assumed at home, but had Europe yet learned what reliance was to be placed in the official statements of the Cabinet at Washington.* The delegation of power granted by these States to the Federal Government to represent them in foreign intercourse had led Europe into the grave error of supposing that their separate sovereignty and independence had been merged into one common sovereignty, and had ceased to form a distinct existence. Under the influence of this error, which all appeals to reason and historical fact were vainly used to dispel, our Commissioners were met by the declaration that foreign Governments could not assume to judge between the conflicting representations of the two parties as to the true nature of their previous mutual relations. The Governments of Great Britain and France accordingly signified their determination to confine themselves to recognizing the self-evident fact of the existence of a war, and to maintaining a strict neutrality during its progress. Some of the other Powers of Europe pursued the same course of policy, and it became apparent that by some understanding, express or tacit, Europe had decided to leave the initiative in all action touching the contest on this Continent to the two Powers just named, who were recognized to have the largest interests involved, both by reason of neutrality and of the extent and intimacy of their commercial relations with the States engaged in war.

A DECISION FAVORABLE TO THE UNITED STATES.

It is manifest that the course of action adopted by Europe, while based on an apparent refusal to determine the question, or to side with either party, *was in point of fact an actual decision against our rights and in favor of the friendliest pretensions of the United States.* It was a refusal to treat us as an independent Government. If we were independent States, she refused to entertain with us the same international intercourse as was maintained with our enemy was unjust and injurious in its effects, whatever may have been the motive which prompted it. Neither was it in accordance with the high moral obligations of that code whose chief sanction is the consciences of sovereigns and the public opinion of mankind, that these eminent Powers should decline the performance of a duty peculiarly incumbent on them from any apprehension of the consequences to themselves. One immediate and necessary result of their declining the responsibility of a decision which must have been adverse to the extravagant pretensions of the United States *was the prolongation of hostilities in which our enemies were thereby encouraged, and which have resulted in nothing but scenes of carnage and devastation on this continent, and of misery and suffering on the others such as have scarcely a parallel in history.* Had these Powers promptly admitted our right to be treated as all other independent nations, none can doubt that the moral effect of such action would have been to dispel the delusion under which the United States had persisted in their efforts to accomplish our subjugation.

THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE OLD WORLD RESPONSIBLE.

To the continued hesitation of the same Powers in rendering this act of simple justice toward this Confederacy is still due the continuance of the calamities which mankind suffers from the interruption of its peaceful pursuits both in the Old and the New World. There are other matters in which less than justice has been rendered to this people by neutral Europe, and advantages have been effected out of the aggressors in a wicked war. *At the inception of hostilities* the inhabitants of the Confederacy were almost exclusively agriculturists; those of the United States, to a great extent, mechanics and merchants. We had no commercial marine, while their merchant vessels covered the ocean. We were without a navy, while they had powerful fleets. The advantage which they possessed for inflicting injury on our coasts and harbors was thus counterbalanced in some measure by the exposure of their commerce to attack by private armed vessels.

ANOTHER GROUND FOR DISSATISFACTION.

It was known to Europe that within a very few years past the United States had peremptorily refused to accede to proposals for abolishing privateering, on the ground, as alleged by them, that nations owning powerful fleets would thereby obtain undue advantage over those possessing inferior naval forces. Yet no sooner was war flagrant between the Confederacy and the United States than the maritime Powers of Europe issued orders prohibiting either party from bringing prizes into their ports. *This prohibition, directed with apparent impartiality against both belligerents, was in reality effective against the Confederate States alone, for they alone would find it hostile to them on the ocean. Merely nominal against the United States, the prohibition operated with intense severity on the Confederacy, by depriving it of the only means of maintaining, with some approach to equality, its struggle on the ocean against the crushing superiority of naval forces possessed by its enemies.*

THE ALABAMA.

The value and efficiency of the weapon which was thus wrested from our grasp by the combined action of several European Powers, in favor of a nation which professed openly its intention of ravaging their commerce by privateers in any future war, is strikingly illustrated by the terror inspired among the commercial classes of the United States by a single cruiser of the Confederacy. One national steamer, commanded by officers and manned by a crew who are debarred by the closure of neutral ports from the opportunity of causing captured vessels to be condemned in their favor as prizes, has sufficed to double the rates of marine insurance in Northern ports, and compels a forced insertion numbers of Northern vessels, in addition to the direct damage inflicted on capture at sea. How difficult, then, to overestimate the effects that must have been produced by the hundreds of private armed vessels that would have swept the seas in pursuit of the commerce of our enemy, if the means of disposing of their prizes had not been withheld by the action of neutral Europe.

THE BLOCKADE.

But it is especially in relation to the so-called blockade of our coast that the policy of European Powers has been so shaped as to cause the greatest injury to the Confederacy, and to confer signal advantages on the United States. The importance of this subject requires some development. Prior to the year 1856 the principles regulating this subject were to be gathered from the writings of eminent publicists, the decisions of Admiralty Courts, international treaties, and the usages of nations. The uncertainty and doubt which prevailed in reference to the true rules of maritime law in time of war, resulting from the dissonant, and often conflicting principles announced from such varied and independent sources, had become a grievous evil to mankind. Whether a blockade was allowable against a port not invested by land as well as by sea, whether a blockade was valid by reason of the investing fleet was merely sufficient to render ingress to the blockaded port evidently dangerous, or whether it was further required for its legality that it should be sufficient really to prevent access, and numerous other similar questions, had remained doubtful and undecided. Animated by the highly honorable desire to put an end to differences of opinion between neutrals and belligerents which may occasion serious difficulties and even conflicts—I quote the official language—the five great Powers of Europe, together with Sardinia and Turkey, adopted, in 1856, the following solemn declaration of principles:

First—Privateering is and remains abolished.

Second—The neutral flag covers enemy's goods, with the exception of contraband of war.

Third—Neutral goods, with the exception of contraband of war, are not liable to capture under enemy's flag.

Fourth—Blockades, in order to be binding, must be effective; that is to say, maintained by a force sufficient really to prevent access to the coast of the enemy.

Not only did this solemn declaration announce to the world the principles to which the signing Powers agreed to conform in future wars, but it contained a clause to which those Powers gave immediate effect, and which provided that the States not parties to the Congress of Paris should be invited to accede to the declaration. Under this invitation every independent State in Europe yielded its assent. At least no instance is known to me of a refusal, and the United States, while declining to assent to the proposition which proclaimed *privateering*, declared that the three remaining principles were in entire accordance with their own views of international law. No instance is known in history of the adoption of rules of public law under circumstances of like solemnity with like unanimity, and pledging the faith of nations with exactitude so peculiar.

ACTION OF THE CONFEDERATE CONGRESS.

When, therefore, this Confederacy was formed, and when neutral Powers, while deferring action on its demand for admission into the family of nations, recognized it as a belligerent Power, Great Britain and France made informal proposals about the same time that their own rights as neutrals should be guaranteed by our acceding to certain requests to the declaration of principles made by the Congress of Paris. The request was addressed to our sense of justice, and therefore met immediate favorable response in the resolutions of the Provisional Congress of the 15th of August, 1861, by which all the principles announced by the Congress of Paris were adopted as the guide of our conduct during the war, with the sole exception of that relative to privateering. As the right to make use of privateers was one in which neutral nations had, as to their present war, no interest, as it was a right which the United States had refused to abandon, and which they remained at liberty to employ against us, as it was a right of which we were already in actual enjoyment, and which we could not be expected to renounce, *Segrave Sola,*

against an adversary [illegible] superiority of naval forces, [illegible] *confidence, that* [illegible] *secure that just* [illegible] was this conviction [illegible] ments published by the British Government, usually called Blue Books, contain the expression of the satisfaction of that Government with the conduct of the officials who conducted successfully the delicate business confided to their charge.

NEUTRAL EUROPE PASSIVE.

These solemn declarations of principle—this implied commendation of the conduct of the [illegible] two Powers just named—have been suffered to remain inoperative against the numerous and atrocious neutral rights committed by the United States with unceasing and progressing arrogance during the whole period of the war. Neutral Europe remained passive when the United States, *with a naval force insufficient to blockade the coast of a single State,* proclaimed a paper blockade of thousands of miles of coast, extending from the Capes of the Chesapeake to those of Florida and to Key West, and encircling the Gulf of Mexico to the mouth of the Rio Grande. *Compared with this monstrous profanation of the United States, the blockades known to history under the names of the Berlin and Milan Decrees and the British Orders in Council,* in the years 1806 and 1807, *sink into insignificance.* Yet those blockades were justified by the Powers that declared them on the sole ground that they were retaliatory; yet those blockades have since been condemned by the publicists of these very Powers as violations of international law; yet those blockades evoked angry remonstrance from neutral Powers, amongst which the United States were the most conspicuous; yet those blockades became the chief cause of the war between Great Britain and the United States in 1812; yet those blockades were one of the principal motives that led to the declaration of the Congress of Paris in 1856, in the fond hope of imposing an enduring check on the very abuse of maritime power which it now renewed by the United States in 1861 and 1862, under circumstances and with features of aggravated wrong without precedent in history.

OFFICIOUS REMONSTRANCES.

The records of our State Department contain the evidence of the repeated and formal remonstrances made by this Government to neutral Powers against the recognition of this blockade. It has been shown by evidence not capable of contradiction, and which has been furnished in part by the officials of neutral nations, *that the free ports of this Confederacy before which armed forces of all kinds have been stationed have been invested in fact, notwithstanding that no attempt has been made to enforce them since the declaration of the blockade; that our enemies have themselves admitted the ineffectiveness of their blockade in the most forcible manner by repeated official complaints of the sale to us of goods contraband of war—a sale which could not possibly affect their interests if their pretended blockade was sufficient really to prevent access to our coast;* that they have gone further, and have alleged their inability to recover their paper blockade effective as the excuse for the odious barbarity of destroying the entrance to one of our harbors by sinking vessels loaded with stone in the channel that our commerce with foreign nations has been interrupted, not by the effective investment of our ports, or by the seizure of ships in the attempt to enter them, but by the capture on the high seas of neutral vessels by the cruisers of our enemies whenever supposed to be bound to any point on our extensive coast, without inquiry whether a single blockading vessel was to be found at such point; that blockading vessels have left the ports at which they were stationed for distant expeditions, have been absent for many days, and have returned without notice either of the cessation or renewal of the blockade. In a word, *that every prescription of maritime law and every right of neutral nations to trade with a belligerent under the sanction of principles heretofore universally respected have been systematically and persistently violated by the United States. Neutral Europe has received our remonstrance, and has submitted in almost unbroken silence to all the wrongs that the United States have chosen to inflict on its commerce.*

ACTION OF THE BRITISH CABINET.

The Cabinet of Great Britain, however, has not confined itself to such implied acquiescence in these breaches of international law as results from simple inaction, but has, in a published dispatch of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, assumed to make a change in the principle enunciated by the Congress of Paris, to which the faith of the British Government was considered to be pledged—a change so flagrant and too prejudicial to the interests of the Confederacy to be overlooked, and against which I have directed solemn protest to be made, after a vain attempt to obtain satisfactory explanations from the British Government. In a published dispatch from Her Majesty's Foreign Office to her Minister at Washington, under date of Feb. 11, 1862, occurs the following passage:

Her Majesty's Government, however, are of opinion that, assuming that the blockade was duly notified, and also that a number of ships are stationed and remain at the entrance of a port sufficient really to prevent access to it, *or to create an evident danger of entering it or leaving it,* and that these ships do not voluntarily permit ingress or egress, the fact that various ships may have successfully escaped through it, (as in the particular instance here referred to,) will not of itself prevent the blockade from being an effectual one by international law.

The words which I have italicized are an addition made by the British Government, of its own authority, to a principle, the exact terms of which were settled with deliberation by the common consent of civilized nations, and by implied convention with this Government, as already explained, and their effect is clearly to reopen, to the prejudice of the Confederacy, one of the very disputed questions on the law of blockade which the Congress of Paris professed to settle. The importance of this change is readily illustrated by taking one of our ports as an example. There is evident danger in entering the port of Wilmington, from the presence of a blockading force; and by this test the blockade is effective. "Access is not really prevented" by the blockading fleet in the same port, for steamers are continually arriving and departing; so that, tried by this test, the blockade is ineffective and invalid. *The justice of our complaint on this point is so marked as to leave little room for doubt that further reflection will induce the British Government to give us such assurances as will efface the painful impression that would result from its language, if left unexplained.*

A REVIEW OF THE ATTITUDE OF FOREIGN POWERS.

From the foregoing remarks you will perceive that, during nearly two years of struggle, in which every energy of our country has been evoked for maintaining its very existence, the neutral nations of Europe have pursued a policy which, nominally impartial, has been practically most favorable to our enemies and most detrimental to us.

The exercise of the neutral right of refusing entry into their ports to prizes taken by both belligerents was eminently hurtful to the Confederacy. It was *strictly* asserted and maintained. The exercise of the neutral right of commerce with a belligerent when ports are not blockaded by fleets sufficient really to prevent access to them, would have been eminently serviceable to the United States. It was completely abandoned. *The duty of neutral States to receive with cordiality and recognize with respect any new confederation that independent States may think proper to form was too clear to admit of denial; but its postponement was obviously beneficial to the United States and detrimental to the Confederacy. It was postponed.*

In this review of our relations with the neutral nations of Europe, it has been my purpose to point out distinctly that this Government has no complaint to make that those nations declared their neutrality. It could neither expect nor desire more. *The complaint is that the neutrality has been rather nominal than real,* and that recognized neutral rights have been alternately asserted and waived in such manner as to bear with great severity on us and to confer signal advantages on our enemy.

I have hitherto referred from calling your attention to this condition of our relations with foreign Powers for various reasons. The chief of these was the fear that a statement of our just grounds of complaint against a course of policy so injurious to our interests might be misconstrued into an appeal for aid. Unequal as we were in mere numbers and available resources to our enemies, we were conscious of powers of resistance in relation to which Europe was incredulous, and our remonstrances were therefore peculiarly liable to be misunderstood.

PROUDLY SELF-RELIANT.

The Confederacy, knowing full well the character of the contest into which it was forced, with full trust in the superior qualities of its population, the superior valor of its soldiers, the superior skill of its Generals, and, above all, in the justice of its cause, felt no use to appeal for the maintenance of its rights to other earthly aids, and it began and has continued this struggle with the calm confidence ever inspired in those who, with consciousness of right, can invoke the divine blessing on their cause. *This confidence has been or caused that we have never yielded to despondency under defeat, nor do we feel undue elation at the present brighter prospect of a successful issue to our contest.* It is, therefore, because our just grounds of complaint can no longer be misinterpreted, that I lay them clearly before you. *It seems to me now proper to give you the information,* and, although no immediate results may be attained, it is well that truth should be preserved and recorded. It is well that those who are to follow us should understand the full nature and character of the tremendous conflict in which the blood of our people has been poured out like water, and to which we have resisted, unaided, the shocks of blows which would have sufficed to overthrow many of the Powers, which, by their hesitation in according our rights as an independent nation, imply doubt of our ability to maintain our National existence. It may be, too, that if, in future times, unfriendly discussions, not now anticipated, shall unfortunately arise between this Confederacy and some European Power, the recollection of our forbearance under the grievances which I have enumerated, may be evoked with happy influence in preventing any serious disturbance of peaceful relations.

A BOW TO LOUIS NAPOLEON.

It would not be proper to close my remarks on the subject of our foreign relations, without adverting to the fact that the correspondence between the Cabinets of France, Great Britain and Russia, recently published, indicates a gratifying advance in the appreciation by those Governments of the true interests of mankind, as involved in the war on this continent. It is to the enlightened ruler of the French nation that the public feeling of Europe is indebted for the first official exhibition of its sympathy for the sufferings endured by this people with so much heroism of horror at the [illegible] which the progress of the war has been marked, and of its desire for a speedy peace. The clear and direct intimation contained in the language of the French note, that our ability to maintain our independence was now fully established, was not controverted by the answer of either of the Cabinets to which it was addressed. It is indeed difficult to conceive a just ground for a longer delay on this subject, after reading the following statement of facts contained in the letter emanating from the Minister of his Imperial Majesty:

"There has been established, from the very beginning of this war, an equilibrium of forces between the belligerents, which has since been almost constantly maintained, and after the ending of so much blood, they are, to-day, in this respect, in a situation which has not sensibly changed. Nothing authorizes the anticipation that more decisive military operations will shortly occur. According to the last advices received in Europe, the two armies, were, on the contrary, in a condition which permitted neither to hope within a short delay advantages sufficiently marked to turn the balance definitely, and to accelerate the conclusion of peace."

As this Government has never [illegible] *assert its ability to defend itself against being conquered by that Power,* we may safely conclude that the claims of this Confederacy, to its just place in the family of nations, namely, the right to be withheld after so frank and formal an admission of its capacity to cope, on equal terms, with its aggressive foes, and to maintain itself against their attempts to obtain decisive results by arms.

"EVERY CONCEIVABLE ATROCITY."

It is my painful duty again to inform you of the renewed examples of every conceivable atrocity committed by the armed forces of the United States at different points within the Confederacy, and which must stamp indelible infamy, not only on the perpetrators, but on their superiors, who, having the power to check these outrages on humanity, numerous and well authenticated as they have been, have not yet, in a single instance of which I am aware, inflicted punishment on the wrong-doers. Since my last communication to you, one Gen. McNeil murdered seven prisoners of war in cold blood, and the demand for his punishment has remained unheeded. The Government of the United States, after withholding communication and explanation in relation to the charges made against Gen. Benjamin F. Butler, has, by its subsequent silence after repeated efforts on my part to obtain some answer on the subject, not only admitted his guilt, but sanctioned it by acquiescence; and I have accordingly branded this criminal as an outlaw, and directed his execution in expiation of his crimes, if he should fall into the hands of any of our forces.

Recently I have received apparently authentic intelligence of another General, by the name of Mitchel, who has issued orders in Western Virginia for the payment of money to him by the inhabitants, accompanied by the most savage threats of shooting every recusant, burning his house, and threatening similar atrocities against any of our citizens who shall fail to betray their country by giving him prompt notice of the approach of any of our forces. And this subject has also been submitted to the superior military authorities of the United States, with but faint hope that they will evince any disapprobation of the act. Humanity shudders at the appalling atrocities which are being daily multiplied under the sanction of those who have obtained temporary possession of power in the United States, and who are fast making its once fair name a byword of reproach among civilized men. Not even the natural indignation inspired by this conduct should make us, however, so unjust as to attribute to the whole mass of the people who are subjected to the despotism that now reigns with unbridled license in the City of Washington a willing acquiescence in its conduct of the war. *There must necessarily exist among our enemies very many, perhaps a majority, whose humanity recoils from all participation in such atrocities, but who cannot be held wholly guiltless while permitting their continuance without an effort at repression.*

THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION.

The public journals of the North have been received, containing a Proclamation, dated on the first day of the present month, signed by the President of the United States, in which he orders and declares all slaves within ten of the States of the Confederacy to be free, except such as are found within certain districts now occupied in part by the armed forces of the enemy. I may well leave it to the instincts of that common humanity implanted in us by our Creator has implanted in the breasts of our fellow-men of all countries to pass judgment on a measure by which several millions of human beings of an inferior race—peaceful and contented laborers in their sphere—are doomed to extermination, while at the same time they are encouraged to a general assassination of their masters by the insidious recommendation "to abstain from violence unless in necessary self-defence." Our *indignation at the contemplation of those who have attempted the most execrable enormity recorded in the history of guilty man is tempered by profound contempt for the impotent rage which it disclosses.* So far as regards the action of this Government on such criminals as may attempt its execution, I confine myself to informing you that I shall—unless in your wisdom you deem some other course more expedient—*deliver to the several State authorities all commissioned officers of the United States that may hereafter be captured by our forces in any of the States mentioned in the Proclamation, that they may be dealt with in accordance with the laws of those States providing for the punishment of criminals engaged in exciting servile insurrection.* The enlisted soldiers I shall continue to treat as unwilling instruments in the commission of these crimes, and shall direct their discharge and return to their homes on the proper and usual parole.

ITS POLITICAL ASPECT.

In its political aspect this measure possesses great significance, and to it, in this light, I invite your attention. It affords to our wise people the complete and crowning proof of the true nature of the designs of the party which elevated to power the present occupant of the Presidential Chair at Washington, and which sought to conceal its purposes by every variety of artful device, and, by the perfidious use of the most solemn and repeated pledges on every possible occasion. I extract, in this connection, as a simple example, the following declaration, made by President Lincoln, under the solemnity of his oath as Chief Magistrate of the United States, on the 4th of March, 1861:

"Apprehension seems to exist among the people of the Southern States that by the accession of a Republican administration, their property, and their peace, and personal security are to be endangered. There has never been any reasonable cause for such apprehensions. Indeed, the most ample evidence to the contrary has all the while existed and been open to their inspection. It is found in nearly all the public speeches of him who now addresses you. I do but quote from one of those speeches when I declare that I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of Slavery in the States where it exists. I believe I have no lawful right to do so, and I have no inclination to do so. Those who nominated and elected me did so with full knowledge that I had made this and many similar declarations, and had never recanted them. And more than this, they placed in the hands of my party, our platform, and, as a law to themselves, and to me, the clear and emphatic resolution which I now read:

Resolved, That the maintenance inviolate of the rights of the States, and especially the right of each State to order and control its own domestic institutions according to its own judgment exclusively, is essential to that balance of power on which the perfection and endurance of our political fabric depend, and we denounce the lawless invasion by armed force of the soil of any State or Territory, no matter under what pretext, as among the gravest crimes."

I cite this declaration of the want of power or disposition to interfere with our social system confined to a state of peace. Both before and after the actual commencement of hostilities the President of the United States repeated in formal official communication to the Cabinets of Great Britain and France, that he was utterly without constitutional power to do the act which he has just committed, and that in no possible event, whether the secession of these States resulted in the establishment of a separate Confederacy or the preservation of the Union, was there any authority by virtue of which he could either restore a disaffected State to the Union, by force of arms, or make any change in any of its institutions. I refer especially for verification of this assertion to the dispatches addressed by the Secretary of State of the United States, under direction of the President, to the Ministers of the United States at London and Paris, under date of 19th and 22d of April, 1861.

The people of this Confederacy, then, cannot fail to receive this Proclamation as the fullest vindication of their own sagacity in foreseeing the uses to which the dominant party in the United States intended from the beginning to apply their power; nor can they cease to remember with devout thankfulness that it is to their own vigilance in resisting the first stealthy progress of approaching despotism that they owe their escape from consequences now apparent to the most skeptical.

NO RECONSTRUCTION.

This Proclamation will have another salutary effect, in calming the fears of those who have constantly evinced the apprehension that this war might end by some reconstruction of the old Union, *or some renewal of close political relations with the United States.* These fears have never been shared by me, nor have I ever been able to perceive on what basis they could rest. *But the Proclamation affords the fullest guarantee of the impossibility of such a result. It has established a state of things which can lead to but one of three possible consequences—the extermination of the slaves, the exile of the white subsistence population of the Confederacy, or absolute and total separation of these States from the United States.* This Proclamation is also an authentic statement by the Government of the United States of its inability to subjugate the South by force of arms, and as such must be accepted by neutral nations, which can no longer find any justification in withholding our just claims to formal recognition. It is also in effect an intimation to the people of the North that they must prepare to submit to a separation, now become inevitable; for that people are too acute not to understand that a restitution of the Union has been rendered forever impossible by the adoption of a measure which, from its very nature, neither admits of retraction nor can co-exist with union.

FINANCIAL.

Among the subjects to which your attention will be specially devoted during the present session, you will, no doubt, deem the adoption of some comprehensive system of finance as being of paramount importance. The increasing public debt, the great augmentation in the volume of the currency, with its necessary concomitant of extravagant prices for all articles of consumption, and which [illegible] a tendency adequate to support the credit which it imparts, [illegible] admonishing us that economy of the [illegible] legislation alone can prevent serious embarrassment in extraordinary [illegible]. It is my conviction that the people of the Confederacy will freely meet taxation to a degree adequate to the maintenance of the public credit and the support of their Government. When each family is sending forth its most precious ones to meet exposure in camp and death in battle, what ground can there be to doubt the disposition to devote a tithe of its income and substance, if more be necessary, to provide the Government with means for insuring the comfort of its defenders? It can scarcely be necessary to resort to a excise on every commodity they produce, and to the daily presence of the tax-gatherer, with no higher motive than the hope of success in their wicked designs against us, the suggestion of a unwillingness on the part of this people to submit to the taxation necessary for the success of their defence is an imputation on their patriotism that few will be disposed to make, and that none can justify.

The legislation of your last session, intended to hasten the funding of outstanding Treasury notes, has proved beneficial, as shown by the, returns made to the report of the Secretary of the Treasury; but it was neither sufficiently prompt nor far-reaching to meet the full extent of the evil. The passage of some enactment carrying still further the policy of that law, by fixing a limitation not later that the 1st of July next to the delay allowed for funding the notes issued prior to the 1st of December, 1862, will, in the opinion of the Secretary, have the effect to withdraw from circulation nearly the entire sum issued previous to the last named date. If to this be added a revenue from adequate taxation, and appreciation of bonds guaranteed proportionately by the several States as has already been generously proposed by some of them is enactments spontaneously adopted, there is little doubt that we shall see our finances placed on a sound and satisfactory condition, our circulation relieved of the redundancy now productive of so many mischiefs, and our credit placed on such a basis as to relieve us from further anxiety relative to our resources for the prosecution of the war.

It is true that at its close our debt will be large; but it will be due to our own people, and neither the interest nor the capital will be exported to foreign countries, impoverishing ours for their benefit.

On the return of peace the untold wealth which will spring from our soil will render the burden of taxation far less onerous than to now supposed, especially if we take into consideration that we shall then be, free from the large and steady drain of our substance to which we were subjected in the late Union through the instrumentality of sectional legislation and protective tariffs. I recommend to your earnest attention the whole report of the Secretary of the Treasury on this important subject, and trust that your legislation on it will be delayed no longer than may be required to enable your wisdom to devise the proper measures for insuring the accomplishment of the objects proposed.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

The operations of the War Department have been in the main satisfactory. In the report of the Secretary, herewith submitted, will be found a summary of many memorable successes. *They are with justice ascribed in large measure to the reorganization and reinforcement of our armies under the operation of the enactment for conscription.* The wisdom and efficacy of these acts have been approved by results, and the like spirit of unity, endurance and self-devotion of the people which has hitherto sustained the nation, must be relied on to assure their enforcement under the continuing necessities of our situation. The recommendations of the Secretary to this effect are tempered by suggestions for their amelioration, and the subject deserves the consideration of Congress.

For the perfection of our military organization no appropriate measure should be rejected, and on this subject the opinions of the Secretary merit early attention. *It is gratifying to perceive that, under all the efforts and sacrifices of war, the power and means of the Confederacy for its successful prosecution are increasing. Dependence on foreign supplies is to be deplored, and should as far as practicable be obviated by the development and employment of internal resources.* The peculiar circumstances of the country, however, render this difficult, and require extraordinary encouragements and facilities to be granted by the Government.

THE RAILROADS.

The embarrassments resulting from the limited capacity of the railroads to afford transportation, and the impossibility of otherwise commanding and distributing the necessary supplies for the armies, render necessary the control of the roads under some general supervision, and resort to the power of impressment under military exigencies. While such powers have to be exercised, they should be guarded by judicious provisions against perversion or abuse, and be, as recommended by the Secretary, under due regulation of law.

THE EXEMPTION LAW.

I specially recommend in this connection some revision of the Exemption law of last session. Serious complaints have reached me of the inequality of its operation from eminent and patriotic citizens, whose opinions merit great consideration, and I trust that some means will be devised for leaving at home a sufficient local police, without making discriminations, always to be deprecated, between different classes of our citizens.

THE INDIANS.

Our relations with the Indians generally continue to be friendly. A portion of the Cherokee people have assumed an attitude hostile to the Confederate Government; but it is gratifying to be able to state that the mass of intelligence and worth in that nation have remained true to their and loyal to their treaty engagements. With this exception, there have been no important instances of dissatisfaction among of the friendly nations and tribes. Dissatisfaction recently manifested itself among certain portions of them; but this resulted from a misapprehension of the intentions of the Government in their behalf. This has been removed, and no further difficulty is anticipated.

THE NAVY.

The report of the Secretary of the Navy, herewith transmitted, exhibits the progress made in this branch of the public service since your adjournment, as well as its present condition. *The details embraced in it are of such a nature as to render it, in my opinion, incompatible with the public interests that they should be published with this message.* I therefore confine myself to inviting your attention to the information therein contained.

POSTAL AFFAIRS.

The report of the Postmaster General shows that during the first postal year under our Government, terminating on the 30th of June last, our revenues were in excess of those received by the former Government in its last postal year, while the expenses were greatly decreased. There is still, however, a considerable deficit in the revenues of the Department, as compared with its expenses, and, although the grants already made from the general treasury will suffice to cover all liabilities to the close of the fiscal year, ending on the 30th of June next, I recommend some legislation, if it can be constitutionally devised, for aiding the revenues of that Department during the ensuing fiscal year, in order to avoid too great a reduction of postal facilities. Your attention is also invited to numerous other improvements in the service recommended in the report, and for which legislation is required.

RELIEF FOR THE DESTITUTE.

I recommend to the Congress to devise a proper mode of relief to those of our citizens whose property has been destroyed by order of the Government in pursuance of a policy adopted as a means of National defence. It is true that full indemnity cannot now be made; but some measure of relief is due to those patriotic citizens who have borne private loss for the public good, whose property in effect has been taken for public use, though not directly appropriated. Our Government, born of the spirit of freedom, and of the equality and independence of the States, could not have survived a selfish or jealous disposition, making each only careful of its own interest or safety.

CONCLUSION.

The fate of the Confederacy, under the blessing of Divine Providence, depends upon the harmony, energy and unity of the States. It especially devolves on you, their representatives, as far as practicable, to reform abuses, to correct errors, to cultivate fraternity and to sustain in the people a just confidence in the Government of their choice. To that confidence and to the unity and self-sacrificing patriotism hitherto displayed is due the success which has marked the unequal contest, and has brought our country into a condition at the present time such as the most sanguine would not have ventured to predict at the commencement of our struggle. Our armies are larger, better disciplined and more thoroughly armed and equipped than at any previous period of the war; the energies of a whole nation, devoted to the single object of success in this war, have accomplished marvels, and many of our trials have by a benedicent Providence been converted into blessings. The magnitude of the perils which we encountered have developed the true qualities and illustrated the heroic character of our people, thus gaining for the Confederacy from its birth a just appreciation *from the other nations of the earth. The injuries resulting from the interruption of foreign* commerce have received compensation by the developments of our internal resources. Cannon crown our fortresses that were cast from the proceeds of mines opened and furnaces built during the war. Our mountain caves yield much of the nitre for the manufacture of powder, and premise increase of product. From our own foundries and laboratories, from our own armories and workshops, we derive, in a great measure, the warlike material, the ordnance and ordnance stores which are expended so profusely in the numerous and desperate engagements that rapidly succeed each other. Cotton and woolen fabrics, shoes and harness, wagons and gun-carriages, are produced in daily increasing quantities by the factories springing into existence. Our fields, no longer whitened by cotton that cannot be exported, are devoted to the production of cereals and the growth of stock formerly purchased with the proceeds of cotton. In the homes of our noble and devoted women—without whose sublime sacrifices our success would have been impossible—the notes of the loom and the spinning wheel may be heard throughout the land.

With hearts swelling with gratitude, let us, then, join in returning thanks to God, and in beseeching the continuance of His protecting care over our cause, and the restoration of peace, with its manifold blessings, to our beloved country.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, Jan. 12, 1863.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Reminiscences of a Traveler.

Mr. Ross Browne, who [illegible] "trip to Iceland" this evening, at the hall of the Historical Society, has seen about as much of the world, and turned his hand to as many odds and ends of human enterprise, as any man within the range of our knowledge. He commenced his strange career, as he tells in some of his published sketches, by an extensive pedestrian tour through the Western States; after which he made several voyages down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers in the capacity of a common boatman. He next turned up as a police reporter in Louisville, from which he gradually diverged into the study of medicine. Not liking that, he took up the profession of stenographer, and spent some time as Congressional reporter in Washington. With a capital of fifteen dollars, the net result of his labors in that branch of industry, he set out to see the world; got as far as New-York, spent his money, and shipped before the mast in a New-Bedford whaler. During a voyage of a year and a half to the Indian Ocean, he assisted in the capture of many whalers, visited the Azores, Canary, and Cape de Verd Islands, Madagascar, Comoro, and Zanzibar. At Zanzibar a mutiny broke out, and he left the vessel. He spent three months on the island, among the Arabs, and then worked his passage home in a Salem merchantman, visiting St. Helena on the way. The result of this voyage was a *Narrative of Adventures in the Whale Fishery,* published by the HARPERS in 1844. From that date till 1848, he was engaged in the United States Treasury Department as compiler of bank statistics, and private secretary to Mr. ROBERT J. WALKER. He was next appointed a Lieutenant in the revenue service, and ordered for duty to the Pacific coast. During a voyage round Cape Horn he visited the Brazils, the Island of Juan Fernandez, Lima, and other places of interest, of which he has given some amusing sketches. His visit to Crusoe's Island, published in *Harper's Magazine* in 1853, attracted considerable attention.

Arrived in California, August, 1849, with but twenty-five cents in his pocket, he found that a reduction had been made in the revenue service, and he was unceremoniously dropped out of office by the new Administration. Luckily, the Convention that formed the State Constitution was about to meet. They wanted a competent stenographer to report the proceedings. BROWNE was just in time. He demanded and received cash in advance, his own price—ten thousand dollars. The Senate of the United States afterward purchased his report, and paid him three thousand dollars. On the strength of this piece of good fortune, he settled down for life on a country seat near Washington. He remained settled exactly three months, pulled up stakes, and started for Europe. During his European tour, he visited the principal cities of the continent; traversed Italy, Sicily, Greece and Turkey, and made an extensive pilgrimage through Syria and Palestine. The result of this tour was a series of letters to the *National Intelligencer,* and a volume of light and humorous sketches entitled *Yusef—A Narrative of the East.* On his return he was appointed a Special Agent of the Government to visit all the Custom-houses, Indian Agencies and public depositories throughout the United States. In this capacity he traveled through every State and Territory in the Union, except Kansas and Nebraska; visited Mexico and all the Indian tribes on the Pacific coast, from the Straits of Fuca to San Diego, made four voyages to and from California, and was finally decapitated for exposing the frauds committed under BUCHANAN'S Administration. He then started a private agency in the new silver mines of Washoe, of which he has given an amusing account in a series of sketches entitled "A Peep at Washoe." Failing to make this pay, he set out once more on his travels, determined to make a living by his pen. During the past three years he has visited, as correspondent of the Sacramento *Union* and *Harper's Magazine,* all the cities of the Continent; traveled extensively through Spain, Portugal and Algeria; Russia, Finland, Sweden and Norway; Egland, Prussia, Denmark and Iceland; and now, after his long absence, has once more reached New-York. The aggregate of Mr. BROWNE'S various journeys by land and sea amounts to over six times round the world. All this he has accomplished solely upon the earnings of his own head and hands. We wish him success in his new "Trip to Iceland," and hope he will be accompanied this time by a numerous and congenial crowd.

The Artists' Reception.

The first Artists' Reception of the Winter was held on Friday night, at Dodworth's elegant rooms on Fifth-avenue. The attendance was moderately large, comprising some of our best known artists, literati, savans, critics and lovers of art, each blessed with the fair companionship of woman.

The walls were hung with a great variety of pictures from the best easels of the City, including specimens from nearly every artist of prominence. Of the gems which gave greatest lustre to the first public exposition of the works of the Dodworth's Hall Association, we have room for but a passing mention.

HALL was represented by Spanish children and a Fruit piece, in his peculiarly happy style; GUIGNON, by an impressive Swiss scene; SCHAFFER, by two delicate landscapes; EASTMAN JOHNSON, by a *genre* picture of power and great happiness of expression; HUNEMANN, by a touching little picture; GUTHRIE, by a superb Mountain Gorge; HENRY P. GRAY, by two effective emblematical pictures; HUNTINGTON, by a capital portrait of Suydam; WHEELER, by an equally good picture of "President, King," and MULLER by a marble group, a full-length bas-relief portrait of Lieut. HINDES, who was killed last March while on duty at Sangster's Station, Va.

The studios of the resident artists were generously thrown open to the inspection of the guests. To all of them the curious crowd paid deserved honor, but to the studio of JOHN ROGERS, who is prominent among the few artists who have found subjects for their gifts in the scenes and incidents of the living drama of the century, the greatest attention was given.

He has on his table an exceedingly lovely group, which he calls the Union Refugees, representing a family of the better sort, driven by Pro-Slavery fanaticism from their homes, while

"The world to all before them, where to choose,
And Providence their guide."

The group consists of a noble specimen of a man, with a rifle in his hand, and of a tender, lovely-looking woman, who leans upon his breast, while a boy clings affectionately to the hands of the latter, the whole being very graceful, impressive and full of emotion. ROGERS has already won much reputation by his works of this kind, but the Union Refugees will enhance it very much.

His other successes are the "Picket-Guard," the "Contraband and the News," the "Zouave," the "Checker Players," and the "En Route for the War."

To the many attractions offered by COLMAN, INMAN, NICHOLS, GRAY, WARD, AUGUSTUS, LUMPKIN, WARREN, and others, we can but allude. They were of the choicest, and served to swell the eminent success which attended

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

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SECOND BOARD.

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PUBLIC BOARD—1 P. M.

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PUBLIC BOARD—4 P. M.

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MONDAY, Jan. 19—A. M.

The Treasury bill which Mr. HOOPER, of Massachusetts, has moved to substitute for the bill of the Committee of Ways and Means, was published from a manuscript copy with which we were kindly furnished on Saturday, in our Sunday edition, and is now reproduced for more general circulation among our readers, because of its immediate importance. A dispatch from the Washington agent of the Associated Press says that the bill has the indorsement of the Secretary of the Treasury. It is briefer in its details than the original bill, and differs from it in allowing 6 ⅌ cent. interest, *payable in legal tender United States Notes*, on the 1 @ 3 years Treasury Notes, such Treasury Notes to be reconvertible into Circulation at the will of the holder, instead of 5.47½ ⅌ cent. interest, *payable in Gold Coin*; the Treasury Notes not reconvertible into Circulation. The rate and reconvertible clauses are the same as in the first draft of Mr. SPAULDING, which he modified to 5.47½ ⅌ cent., and the Treasury Notes not reconvertible, for the sake of harmony in the Committee. Both bills now before the House provide for conversions at par into twenty-year 6 ⅌ cent. Stock, and restrict the sales of such Stock to its par value.

The present bill practically restricts the future employment of United States Notes, of legal tender, to the demands of the open Money Market, *when rating above six per cent. per annum*. While the current rates of interest are *at or below* 6 ⅌ cent. on the temporary loan of Money, of legal tender, the surplus, in the shape of United States Notes, or other demands upon the Treasury, or in Deposits in Bank, may be employed, if only for a few days or months, in Treasury Notes bearing 6 ⅌ cent., which the holder, *at any time, on demand*, at the Treasury in Washington or New-York, Boston or Philadelphia, (or, under regulation, at any other Government depository,) may reconvert, with the accumulated interest, into United States Circulation. The interest upon this temporary Treasury paper, being made payable in kind, the theory of the Bill is that the Money Market cannot be forced above 6 ⅌ cent. to other borrowers, or to the Government itself, in competition with the United States Treasury, by the anticipated premium upon the half-yearly interest, if made payable in Gold. And that the inducement for funding into a 6 ⅌ cent. 20-year Stock is made the greater from the fact that the interest upon the Stock is made payable in Gold. Another effect, on the other hand, is that while the public prefer to lend to the Government, upon Treasury paper instead of Funded Stock, the annual charge for interest in Gold is kept below the Customs Revenue, even though the present volume of importations should be reduced. At the same time, there is to be no interference with the uniform payment of interest in Gold on all outstanding Treasury Bonds and Certificates of Treasury Indebtedness. We may embrace this occasion to refer to the abundant ability of the Government to make its interest payments, other than on the proposed new Treasury paper, in Gold, derived from the Customs, and also to the extent that such paper may be funded into 6 ⅌ cent. Stock, together with 1 ⅌ cent. ⅌ annum by way of Sinking Fund.

The receipts for Customs for the last fiscal year, ending June 30, 1862, are stated in the late Report of the Secretary of the Treasury as amounting to $49,056,397

Of which:

At New-York $36,006,098

Other ports 13,050,299

Total $49,056,397

And the Interest on Public Debt 13,199,324

Surplus from Customs $35,856,073

The Secretary makes the very safe estimate that the Customs, for the current Fiscal Year ending 30th of June, 1863, will amount to..$48,041,728

And the Interest on Public Debt 25,014,552

Surplus from Customs $42,027,206

One per cent. Sinking Fund on Public Debt of all descriptions, as it will stand on 30th of June, of which Sinking Fund $2,883,204 has already been applied to payment of principal of Loan of 1862 11,532,816

Surplus Balance from Customs $31,494,390

That the Secretary has rather under than over estimated his increase from Customs, would seem probable from the actual receipts at the port of New-York for the first half of the Fiscal year, which compare as follows:

Customs.	1862-3. July 1 to Dec. 31.	1861-2. July 1 to Dec. 31.
At port of New-York	$27,101,126	$11,129,649
Add 23½ ⅌ c. for other pts.	6,063,799	2,700,881
Total half Fiscal Year	$33,254,925	$14,830,524

The following schedule, which we have carefully compiled from the recent official figures presented by Mr. SPAULDING, will show the Interest charge in Gold, for the present fiscal year, closely corresponding with the above estimate of the Secretary. The table omits the Loan of 1862, due 31st ultimo, and since paid off.

PUBLIC DEBT OF UNITED STATES, JAN. 1, 1863.

Loans.	Principal.	Rate.	Annual Interest.
1847-58	$18,323,502	6 ⅌ cent.	$1,099,400
1874	20,000,000	5 ⅌ cent.	1,000,000
1871	7,022,000	5 ⅌ cent.	351,100
1881	68,417,600	6 ⅌ cent.	4,105,056
1867-82*	20,656,650	6 ⅌ cent.	1,063,851
1868	3,451,000	5 ⅌ cent.	172,550
1862	1,026,600	6 ⅌ cent.	61,596
1864†	139,086,000	7.30 ⅌ cent.	10,219,564
1863	2,750,350	6 ⅌ cent.	165,021
Total	$260,049,302		$18,678,092
Deposits	26,456,008	4 ⅌ cent.	1,058,220
Deposits	41,777,628	5 ⅌ cent.	2,088,881
Certificates	49,881,918	6 ⅌ cent.	2,992,916
Together	$416,166,846		$25,206,611
Certificates	60,430,322	Due after June 30, 1863.	
Audited c'ts's	50,117,567	Payable in New Circulation.	
Circulation	237,081,315	Free of Interest.	
Postal Cury	6,844,236	Free of Interest.	
Old debt & nts.	230,770	Interest uncertain.	
Total debt	$779,920,867		

* Known as the 5.20 year Loan.

† Originally $142,000,000; difference of $3,000, being funded into 1881 Loan.

The reader will not fail, of course, to notice that, by the letter of the bill prepared by Mr. HOOPER, and accepted by the Secretary, the entire $300,000,000, including the $100,000,000 of United States Notes of legal tender, just authorized by joint resolution, (and which is made part of any new Treasury act that may be passed at the present session,) is placed in the discretion of the Secretary to issue 6 ⅌ cent. Stock at par, 6 ⅌ cent. Treasury paper, 1 to 3 years to run, but reconvertible into circulation, *or United States Notes for Circulation* free of interest, or he may reduce any part of his Treasury paper below 6 ⅌ cent interest, if it will float at 3.65@4 ⅌ cent. premium. We believe it has been the opinion of Mr. HOOPER, from the beginning of the session, that the employment of United States Notes of legal tender, should be limited only by the exigences of the Treasury, and the condition of the Money Market, which latter he deems the best test of the demands of the country for a uniform circulation of legal tender. If, in this respect, he has shaped his bill to meet, at once, the wants of the Treasury and the views of the Secretary against the too free use of United States Notes of Circulation, and his reluctance to employ them where Loans at reasonable rates can be substituted, the fair presumption is, that all differences of opinion at Washington will soon be accommodated.

The Trade of the past week was fairly active in Imports and Exports. The latter include $1,280,000 in Gold. The Exchanges have been unsettled by the rise and frequent fluctuations in the price of Gold, while the Money Market, with more activity in the demand from Brokers and Speculators in Gold and Stocks and Customs Notes, was ruled at about the uniform rate of 6 ⅌ cent. ⅌ annum. The heavy disbursements of the Treasury have been renewed since the passage of the Joint Resolution of Congress for $100,000,000, and as a further supply of United States Notes of large Notes has come to hand, the Banks are able to do their business with increased ease, while the opportunity is afforded for transferring the small United States Notes in the Market to the use of the Paymasters in the Army. The Stock Exchange has continued buoyant in speculation, and with occasional adverse turns, at rapidly advancing prices. At the close on Saturday, the Market was firm, on a large business through the day.

COURSE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE FOR THE WEEK.

American Gold Coin ..... [illegible]

U. S. Notes for Customs ..... [illegible]

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The following are the bids on Saturday for the City Bank Shares, which are dull:

New-York	100	Bank of the Republic	100
Ocean (ex. div.)	75	Metropolitan	101
Amer. Exch. (ex. div.)	97		

The Railway Mortgages are again higher and in large demand:

Mt. Y. Central 6s	112	Ill. Cen. 7 ⅌ c., '76	120
N. Y. Cen. 7s, con., '76	122	Chi. & N. W. s. f.	110
Erie sixths, '79	108	Chi. & N. W. s. f. Sp.	99
Erie thirds, '83	115	Chi. & N. W. Apptd. Ex	93¾
Erie fourths, '80	110	Chi. & N. W. Int. Bds.	97
Erie fifths, '85	104	Chi. & N. W. int. 2d sec.	69
Ha. & N. Y. 1st, '77	105½	Chi. & N. W. Sconds	49½
Hudson firsts, '92	120	Han. & St. Jo. Sinks	60
Hudson seconds, s. f.	105½	Ind. Bloom. & W. Seconds	104
Hudson thirds, '76	112	Ind. Lock. & W. 1st	115
Hudson fourths, '84	114½	Tol. & Wab. firsts	105¾
Harlem convert. '91	105	Tol. & Wab. seconds	69
Harlem sixths	102	Mil. & Pra. Du C. firsts	110
Mich. S. & N. I. 1st, '72	112	Pitts. Ft. W. & C. firsts	111
Mich. S. & N. I. s. f.	111¾	Pitts. Ft. W. & C. 2d	101
Mich. S. & N. I. s. f. '82	111¾	Pitts. Ft. W. & C. 3d	78½
Pac. R. Sour. 1st Mo.	64	Clev. & Pitts. firsts	100
		Clev. & Pitts. Sinks	93
		Clev. & Pitts. Reg.	93½

The Import entries of the past week, including the Dry Goods return in our last paper, amount to $3,819,800 against $3,302,447 same week last season. The export clearances of Domestic Produce amount to $2,750,602, against $6,658,310 same week in 1861. The Export of Specie is $1,380,000, against $666,000 same week last year.

The Commercial Tables for the *calendar* year 1862, being now complete, we return, as usual in January, in our weekly as well as monthly comparisons of the Foreign Trade at New-York, to the movement of the current Fiscal or *Treasury* year, beginning 1st of July, 1862, and to close on the 30th of June, 1863:

The Import entries of the first half of the year, that is, from the 1st of July to the 31st of December, exclusive of $677,000 in Foreign Specie, were	$88,794,000
Add since 1st of January	6,720,550
Total to date	$95,514,550
Against same date 1861	54,392,972
Increased Import since July 1	$41,061,578
The exports of Domestic Produce and Miscellaneous Goods, including Foreign articles re-exported, from the port of New-York, for the first half of the Fiscal year to Dec. 31, were	$95,060,000
Add since 1st of January	6,000,754
Total to date	$101,060,754
Against same date 1862	78,913,202
Increased Export since July 1	$22,147,552
The amount of Specie exported for the six months of the Fiscal year, July 1 to Dec. 31, was	$31,461,000
Add since Jan. 1	2,182,000
Total to date	$33,643,000
Against same date, 1862	3,508,000
Increased Specie Export	$30,135,000

The Chicago and Alton Railroad Company, we now understand, on authority, to be thoroughly reorganized, from the late Chicago and Mississippi Company, as on the 16th of October, 1862, under a special charter enacted by the Legislature of Illinois, Mr. JAMES ROSS, (late Receiver of the old Corporation,) is elected President of the Board of Directors, and JOSEPH PRICE, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Bonds and Shares of Stock of this Company, when the issue is full, and which is now near completion, will represent:

First—First Mortgage Preferred Sinking Fund Bonds, bearing 7 ⅌ cent. interest, redeemable within fifteen years by an annual Sinking Fund of $30,000, interest payable 1st of April and 1st of October $600,000

Second—First Mortgage Bonds at thirty years, bearing 7 ⅌ cent. interest, payable 1st of of July and 1st of January $2,400,000

Total $9,000,000

The foregoing issues of Bonds are secured by a trust deed to SAMUEL J. TILDEN and LEWIS H. MEYER, Trustees, on 230 miles of road and the entire rolling stock and property of the Company, being an average of $12,036 per mile.

Third—Income Bonds at 20 years, bearing 7 per cent. interest, payable 1st May and 1st November 1,100,000

Total mortgage and income debt $4,100,000

averaging $16,666 per mile.

Fourth—Preferred Stock when the issue is complete, estimated 2,320,000

This Stock is entitled to a Preferred Annual Dividend of 7 per cent, out of the net profits of the Company, but is not cumulative if the profit is not earned.

Fifth—Common Stock when the issue is complete, estimate 1,750,000

Total Debt Capital $8,200,000

The Common Stock is only entitled to Dividend out of the excess of Profits of the Company remaining after payment of Dividend on Preferred Stock, but in case the Profits of the Company should exceed 7 ⅌ cent. on the Preferred and Common Stock, then they are to share equally in their division. Our authority adds:

The receipts of the Road, under the management of the late Receiver were $938,000 in 1860; $1,008,000 in 1861, and will exceed $1,250,000 for 1862. These receipts are less in amount than was practicable to have been earned, if the rolling stock of the road in previous years had been equal to the demands of business, and the wants of the country on its line. This want will be soon overcome, as extensive improvements are being made in this department, and we are officially informed that provision to the extent of nearly $400,000 exists under the present organization to cover the cost of these improvements, and the renewals of the road, independent of any appropriation out of its receipts, being sufficient to advance its general condition to that of a first-class American road.

The title of the new Company to the railroad was acquired by purchase under foreclosure and sale of the first and second mortgages of the Chicago and Mississippi Railroad Company, and confirmed by decrees and orders of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Northern District of Illinois.

An agreement, proposed by the Joliet and Chicago Railroad Company for a perpetual lease of the road, from Chicago to Joliet, thirty-seven miles, and accepted by the trustees of the bondholders, fixes the compensation for its use, on the basis of a pro rata division of receipts and operating expenses, in the proportion of 320 and 37, being the mileage of each road, each corporation maintaining at its own separate cost the expense of maintenance of all bridges, stations and fencing of their respective roads.

The Capital Stock of the Corporation under its Charter, restricts its increase subject to the written consent and approval of three-fourths of its Stockholders, and the same restriction exists as to the creation of debts and liabilities, except those incurred for supplies in operating the Road. The Charter of the Corporation gives to its President and Directors the privilege of fixing the rates of toll in the transportation of freight and passengers; this being a vested right, it cannot be impaired by any future legislation on the part of the Legislature.

The office for the transfer of the Shares of the Company is now open at No. 37 William-street, N. Y., TILTON, acting as temporary Transfer Agent.

The earnings of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company for December, 1862:

Freight	$316,697 61
Passengers	66,164 49
Express	7,166 77
Mails	7,683 00
Rent of Railway	7,083 33
Miscellaneous	966 40
Total	$406,808 60
Previous year	$361,867 65
Increase	$55,936 94
For the year 1862	$2,749,223 91
For the year 1861	2,031,787 51
Increase	$711,436 40

The Customs receipts at this port the last week amount to $960,000.

The exchanges at the Bank Clearing-house Saturday, were $47,032,472 19, and the balances $2,572,713 85. The exchanges for the week ending Saturday were $314,471,457 60, being a daily average of $52,611,009 60, against $41,652,765 22, for the week ending on Saturday, Jan. 10. The average is the largest reported since the organization of the clearing-house.

The New-Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of 5 ⅌ cent., free of Government tax, payable Feb. 2. The Delaware and Raritan and Camden and Amboy Railroad and Transportation Company's dividend for the last six months of 5 ⅌ cent., free of Government tax, payable on the 21st of January. The Lenox Fire Insurance Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of 5 ⅌ cent., free from Government tax, payable on demand.

The New Treasury Bill.

The following is a copy of Mr. HOOPER's substitute bill, in place of that reported by the Committee of Ways and Means:

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to borrow on the credit of the United States, from time to time, and in such amounts as shall be needed for the service of the current and next fiscal year, in such form and at such rates of interest, not exceeding 6 ⅌ cent. ⅌ annum, as in his judgment the public interest may require, the sum of $600,000,000; and to issue for any part of that amount coupon or registered bonds, payable in coin, at any time after twenty years, at the pleasure of the Government, or Treasury Notes, payable in lawful money, at any time not over three years from date, bearing interest not over 6 ⅌ cent., payable in like manner; and any part of that amount required by the exigencies of the public service, to pay the army and navy, and other creditors of the Government, may be issued in United States notes not bearing interest payable to bearer at the Treasury of the United States, of such denominations not less than one dollar, as the Secretary of the Treasury may deem expedient. The bonds issued under the authority of this act shall be of such denominations not less than $50, and the Treasury notes of such denominations not less than ten dollars, as may be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, and interest on said bonds *shall be paid semi-annually in coin; and on said Treasury notes in lawful money*, at such time or times as may be expressed on their face. The Secretary of the Treasury may dispose of said bonds at such rates not less than par, as he may deem best, for lawful money of the United States, or for any indebtedness of the United States, and they shall be exempt from taxation by or under any State laws.

The aggregate amount of all the bonds, Treasury Notes and United States Notes together, outstanding under this act, shall not exceed at any one time the sum of nine hundred millions of dollars.

Sec. 2. The Treasury Notes authorized by this act, with the accrued interest thereon, shall be receivable at par at all times for internal taxes and all other dues to the United States, *except duties on imports, and may be exchanged at the Treasury of the United States at any time, under such rules as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, for an equal amount of the United States Notes not bearing interest* as aforesaid; and when returned to the Treasury Department and canceled, the Secretary of the Treasury may issue Treasury Notes or United States Notes of the same amount in the place of them.

Sec. 3. The United States notes not bearing interest authorized to be issued by this act, shall be lawful money and a legal tender in payment of all debts, public and private, within the United States, *except for duties on imports and interest on the public debt*; and any of said notes may be reissued from time to time as the exigencies of the public service may require, and new notes may be issued in place of any notes issued or to be issued which have been or may be returned or canceled.

Sec. 4. Any bonds that have been heretofore, or that may hereafter be issued by and on the faith of the Government of the United States, shall be deemed to be due and payable in coin at any time at the pleasure of the Government of the United States, after the period designated in the bonds for the payment of the same.

Sec. 5. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to receive deposits of coin and bullion with the Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer of the United States, in sums not less than $50, and to issue receipts therefor in denominations of not less than $20 each, and corresponding with the denominations of the Government notes not bearing interest; the coin deposited for, or representing said receipts, shall be retained in the Treasury for the payment of such receipts on demand, and for no other purposes whatever, except that such receipts, representing coin held in the Treasury for payment of interest on the public debt, may be issued in payment of such interest to an extent not beyond one-fifth more than the amount of coin in the Treasury, and such receipts shall be received at par in payment for duties on imports as coin.

Sec. 6. To prevent and punish counterfeiting and fraudulent alterations of the bonds and notes authorized to be issued by this act, all the provisions of the 6th and 7th sections of the act entitled "AN ACT to authorize the issue of United States notes for the redemption or funding thereof and for funding the floating debt of the United States," approved Feb. 25, 1862, so far as applicable, shall apply to the bonds and notes authorized to be issued by this act in like manner as if said sixth and seventh sections were adopted as additional sections thereof.

Sec. 7. That in addition to the notes less than one dollar, commonly called postage currency, already issued or hereafter to be issued, the Secretary of the Treasury may issue fractional notes of like amounts, prepared, engraved and printed under the direction of the Secretary in the Treasury Department building, and said fractional notes may be exchanged for said postage currency and for United States notes, and shall be receivable in payment of dues for customs not exceeding one dollar, and for all other dues to the United States not exceeding three dollars.

Sec. 8. That the sums necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act, not exceeding $600,000, are hereby appropriated.

GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Jan. 17, 1863—6 P. M.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce, since our last, have been: 23 bbls. Ashes, 16,701 bbls. Flour, 165 bags Corn Meal, 2,000 bushels Wheat, 16,603 bushels Corn, 370 bushels Rye, 4,952 bushels Barley, 10,119 bushels Oats, 3,505 bushels Malt, 6,954 pkgs. Provisions, and 376 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Sales 45 bbls. at $7 12½@$8 50 for Pots, and 98 for Pearls, ⅌ 100 lbs. Stock in the Inspection Warehouse, this morning, 701 bbls., including 449 Pot bbls. and 255 bbls. Pearls.

COFFEE—Light sales were effected to-day at unchanged prices. The annual statement of the *Shipping List* makes the total receipts in the United States for the year ending Dec. 31, 1862, 207,010 pkgs., weighing 96,566,660 lbs., against receipts in 1861 of 1,261,346 pkgs., weighing 162,344,027 lbs., and the total consumption in 1862, 99,000,011 lbs., against a consumption in 1861 of 187,045,795 lbs., being a decrease of 88,032,678 lbs., or over 52 ⅌ cent.

COTTON—Has been purchased to-day in the extent of 2,800 bales; Middling, closing as high as 73½@74c. ⅌ lb.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been in fair request at slightly improved rates. The reported sales, since our last, comprise 13,450 bbls., including Superfine State at $6 20@$6 60; poor to choice extra State at $6 70@$7, chiefly at $6 75@$6 85; Superfine Western, inferior to choice, at $6 30@$6 60; round hoop extra Ohio, shipping brands, at $7 20@$7 30 ⅌ bbl.

Superfine State	$6 20	@$6 60
Extra State	6 70	@ 7 00
Superfine Western	5 20	@ 5 60
Extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Iowa	6 40	@ 6 50
Extra Ohio, round hoop, shipping brands	7 20	@ 7 30
Extra Ohio, trade brands	7 35	@ 7 50
Extra Genesee	7 35	@ 8 00
Inferior to Choice Extra Missouri	7 00	@ 9 75

Southern Flour is doing better; sales of 2,500 bbls., at $7 10@$7 70 for poor to good superfine Baltimore, &c., $7 75@$9 for fancy to choice brands, and $9 25@$10 for very superior family brands, ⅌ bbl. Canadian Flour is improving; sales 350 bbls. Extra, at $6 40@$6 50 ⅌ bbl. Rye Flour is in fair demand; at $5 50@$5 56 for fine, and superfine, ⅌ bbl. Corn Meal is in more request, at $4 for Jersey; $4 65@$4 75 for Brandywine, ⅌ bbl., and the latter in puncheons, at $21 cash.

GRAIN—Wheat has been in good demand, and has advanced about 1c. ⅌ bushel. Sales, since our last, of 174,000 bushels, including White Western at $1 36@$1 38; Amber Western at $1 37½@$1 39; Red Western, (Winter,) at $1 31@$1 37; Amber Iowa and Wisconsin, at $1 35@$1 38; Milwaukee Club, at $1 42@$1 49; Chicago Spring, at $1 21@$1 41 ⅌ bushel. Corn is brisker and firmer, sales since our last: 117,000 bushels, at 64c. cash for shipping Mixed Western; 60c.@62c. for Eastern [illegible]

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—The name of Gen. Hamilton, of Wisconsin, is being pressed at Washington, for a Major-General's commission. It is urged by Gens. Rosecrans and Grant.

Departure of European Mails.

The Mails for Europe by the steamship *Africa*, from Boston for Liverpool, will close at the New-York Post-office on Tuesday, at 5 P. M.

Departure of Domestic Mails.

North Mails close at	8 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.
South Mails close at	at 8 A. M. 4:30 and 10½ P. M.
Western Mails (via Erie Railroad)	8 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.
Eastern Mails at 8 A. M., 1:45 P. M., 4 P. M. and 6:30 P. M.	

Mails for California, Oregon, Washington and the Sandwich Islands close daily at the New-York Post-office at 8½ A. M. and 3½ P. M.

On Sunday all Mails close at 1:30 P. M.

AUCTION SALES.

EDWARD SCHENCK, Auctioneer.

SUPERB MILITARY HORSE AND EQUIPMENTS.

By EDWARD SCHENCK, on MONDAY, 19th inst., at 10 o'clock, at his salesroom, No. 128 Broadway, a smooth black horse, 15½ hands, 6 years old, warranted perfectly sound, kind and gentle, very stylish; was owned by the late Gen. Mansfield, (who was killed on him at Antietam,) has been in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac; is a very elegant horse. Also, a very fine

BAY HORSE,

Warranted perfectly sound and kind in every way, 7 years old; has also been used by the servant of said officer. Also, a complete set of horse equipments; the whole to be sold without reserve, as the officer is going to Europe on furlough.

A. C. TEFFT, Auctioneer—Office No. 128 Broadway.

PEREMPTORY SALE OF

MAGNIFICENT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

At the first-class residence, No. 169 31st-st., west of 7th-av., THIS DAY, Jan. 19, at 11 o'clock, comprising the entire costly parlor, chamber, dining-room and nursery furniture; elegant bronzed statues; costly bronzes, mantel vases, paintings, &c. the finest and most valuable collection offered at auction this season, having cost over $6,000. The whole will be positively sold without reserve. Catalogues at hence.

GEORGE COZZENS, Auctioneer.

ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Regular sales of superb Furniture every TUESDAY and FRIDAY of each week, at 11 o'clock, at salesroom No. 141 Broadway. N. B.—Constantly on hand a fine variety of desirable goods at private sale.

A. J. BLESCHEN, Son & Co., Auctioneers.

WILL SELL AT AUCTION, ON TUESDAY, Jan. 20, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, four valuable lots of ground, on 6th and 44th sts., fronting 275 feet each from 6th-av.; each lot 25 by 153.2; the streets are graded, flagged, curbed and sewered, and have Croton water and gas; the lots are on the grade, free from rock, with a fine view of Central Park.

F. C. BRIGGS, Auctioneer.

BULLALEY & PINE WILL SELL, ON TUESDAY, Jan. 20, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, by order of Rev. John E. Hazlitt, Referee:

1 lot east side of 9th-av., about 75 feet south of 46th-st.
2 lots southeast corner of 9th-av. and 47th-st.

Maps at the office, No. 42 Wall-st.

SKATES.

SKATES! SKATES! SKATES!

The newest and best styles, at low prices "Montgomery" and "Washington" superior English Skates. Ladies' and Children's Skates in great variety. Best Clamps from $1 to $2. Boys' Sleighs, Parlor Skates, &c.

NATHUSHIM, EGGLER & MORRISON, No. 229 Bowery and No. 10 Division-st.

FURS.

CHOICE FURS AT NO. 49 BROADWAY.

SIGMOND GOGE,

Manufacturer of ladies' fine furs.

Sable, mink, real ermine goods in the latest styles on hand.

FOR SALE.—THE PROPRIETOR OF AN OLD established hardware store in the City of Brooklyn, having entered into another business, offers his stock and fixtures at a bargain for cash or its equivalent. Address P. T., Box No. 7 Post-office, Brooklyn, L. I.

LAWYER.—I TAKE LAW BUSINESS AND Leases, and charge nothing, unless I succeed. M. HOWES, Attorney and Counselor at Law, No. 9 Nassau-st., Office No. 8.

DRY GOODS.

COTTON! COTTON! COTTON!

GREAT ADVANCE IN PRICE OF COTTON GOODS.

CHAS. HEARD & CO., No. 361 Grand-st., having purchased about fifty packages of Sheetings and Shirtings previous to the late advance, take pleasure in announcing to their customers and the public that they will be able to offer their large stock much under market prices.

ALSO,

FOR THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS,

THE

LARGE STOCK OF SILKS, SHAWLS, CLOAKS AND DRESS GOODS

Will be offered at a great reduction from former prices.

A job lot of medium colored Silks—about 2,000 yards, at 75c.

4,000 yards rich and heavy Silks, 75., 87., 95., 100., 125.

3,000 yards black Silks, in plain and figured, very cheap.

2 cases more Plaid Alpacas, at 20c., worth 37½c.

200 dozen pure Linen Handkerchiefs, only 7c. and 8c.

400 dozen fine linen Handkerchiefs, only 12½c.

1,000 Balmoral Skirts, four yards wide, $2.

300 best Beaver Cloaks, at a great reduction.

CHAS. HEARD & CO., No. 361 Grand-st.

N. B.—Goods sent to any part of the city or adjoining cities free of expense.

GREAT BARGAINS IN DRESS GOODS.

STRANG, ADRIANCE & CO.,

NO. 765 BROADWAY,

Will offer at retail on MONDAY, JANUARY 19,

THE BALANCE of their

FALL IMPORTATION OF DRESS GOODS

AT

A GREAT REDUCTION,

In order to close out before receiving

THEIR SPRING STOCK, consisting of

300 PIECES FRENCH MERINOS IN AZULINE BLUE, IMPERIAL PURPLE, DRAB, BROWNS and GREEN, from 87½ cents to $1 25, formerly 75 to 87½ cts.

100 PIECES EMPRESS CLOTHS and VELOURS, 87 cents and $1; ALL WOOL, former price $1 12½ and $1 25.

200 PIECES FANCY DRESS GOODS, from 20 to 40 cents, formerly 25 to 60 cents.

Also,

PLAIN and FANCY SILKS, SHAWLS, CLOAKS, &c., with a great variety of GOODS AT THE SAME REDUCTION.

AT NO. 765 BROADWAY.

Still further reduction in prices, to offset the entire clearance of the remaining stock of

MOURNING DRY GOODS,

LACES, EMBROIDERIES,

HOSIERY,

DRESS GOODS,

AND SHAWLS.

Beaver Cloth Cloaks, at half the former prices. The whole must be cleared out by the 14th of February.

CHAS. G. HOOM.

AT KINZEY'S.

CLEARING SALE.

$20,000 worth of EMBROIDERIES, LACES, RIBBONS, FLOWERS, FEATHERS, SILKS, VELVETS, BONNETS, HOSIERY and GLOVES.

GREAT ADVANCE IN THE COST OF GOODS THIS WEEK.

KINZEY SELLING AT THE OLD PRICES.

3,000 Dozen LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS.

AT LAST YEAR'S PRICES.

LADIES' FINE ALL LINEN, 7c., 8c., 9c., 10c., 12c.

Fine COLLARS, 5c., 7c.

Fine COLLARS, 37c.

GENTS' ALL LINEN, 12½c., 14c., 16c.

Fine SETS, 37c.

Fine SETS, 62c.

SILK ILLUSIONS, All of which worth DOUBLE THE PRICES.

All Colors, 5c., 6c., 9c. Yard.

5,000 Yards DOUBLE WIDTH DRESS TARLETONS, 12c., 13c., 25c.

BONNET AND TRIMMING RIBBONS, FRENCH FLOWERS, CORSETS, 37c. apiece.

FELT BLOOMERS AND BONNETS, 25c., 37c., 50c., 62c., 75c.

CLOSING OUT 500 LOTS OF GOODS CHEAP.

AT KINZEY'S CHEAP STORE.

1,000 DOZENS SPOOL COTTONS, 3 for 5c.

1,500 DOZENS SPOOL COTTONS, 3c. spool.

3,000 DOZENS SPOOL COTTONS, 2c. spool.

1,500 DOZENS BEST, 200 YARDS, 4c.

1,200 DOZENS BEST CROCHET COTTONS, 4c.

750 DOZENS BEST LINEN FLOSS, 3c.

GENUINE GRES and MACNOUGHTS, 200 yards, 4c.

3,000 pieces BOSTON EDGING BRAIDS, 3c.

10,000 yards finest ALPACA BRAIDS, 3c.

25,000 papers best PINS and NEEDLES, 4c. paper.

With 200 lots of Fancy Goods.

POINTE-MONNAIES, BUTTONS, Fancy HAIR-PINS, BRACELETS, COMBS, TAPES, PERFUMERY, &c., &c., all under price.

1,000 dozen Sewing Silks, 3c. dozen.

GLOVE DEPARTMENT.

1,000 pairs LADIES' LINED GLOVES, 10c., 12c., 18c.

3,000 pairs FINE GLOVES, every style.

700 pairs LADIES' FINE BUCK GLOVES, 25c.

WOOLEN HOODS, 25c., 37c., 50c., 62c.

Ladies' fine RIBBED WOOL HOSE, 25c.

Lot of BEST Half Hose, 4c.

Lot of Children's Hose, 5c., 6c.

REPEYR WOOL SLEEVES, 12c., 18c.

REPEYR MITTS, GAITERS, &c., &c.

WM. KINZEY'S,

Nos. 221 and 223 6th-av.,

Between 21st and 22d sts.

BARGAINS EXTRAORDINARY.

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES.

ALL OUR IMMENSE STOCK REDUCED IN PRICE FROM 20 TO 30 PER CENT.

ALL OUR STOCK OF FASHIONABLE CLOAKS AT REDUCED PRICES.

ALL OUR STOCK OF RICH PARIS DRESS GOODS AT REDUCED PRICES.

$8 00 Beaver Cloaks for $4 50.
$6 00 Beaver Cloaks for $4 00.
$10 00 Beaver Cloaks for $6 00.
$12 00 French Beaver Cloaks for $8 50.
$14 00 French Beaver Super-trimmings, $12.

DRESS GOODS.

12c. Valencias for 12½c. per yard.
25c. Paris Velours for 18c. per yard.
50c. Poplins for 30c. per yard.

ALSO,

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

We have this morning an official account of the victory at Arkansas Post, one hundred miles up the Arkansas River. While an attack was made on the rebel fortifications in front by the gunboats, the land forces debarked two miles below, and marched to their rear, thus forcing a speedy surrender. Six rebel regiments were captured in the earthworks, and two Texas regiments, marching to reinforce the place, being ignorant of its capture, were also "bagged." A large amount of ammunition and stores were taken. Our loss was not so heavy as at first reported.

Arrivals from St. Thomas yesterday inform us that another rebel privateer is afloat in the West India waters, the schooner *Retribution*, painted black and mounting four guns, with a long-tom amidships. She recently chased two vessels into the harbor of St. Thomas.

Our correspondence from Key West is to the 13th instant. The United States gunboat *Sagamore* returned from a cruise on the 10th, having succeeded, during her absence, in capturing two prizes with valuable cargoes, intended for the rebels. Two more of the Banks transports are reported as having gone ashore on the Florida coast—the ship *Lucinda*, with troops and horses on board, which was subsequently got off, and the ship *Sparkling Sea*, with the Twenty-fifth New-York Battery on board, which would probably be entirely wrecked. She went ashore on Ajax Reef, near Carysfort Light-house. The troops were all saved, and all the horses which had survived the passage.

A dispatch from Cairo, published in the Chicago *Journal*, states that Col. SHAW, of the Fourteenth Iowa, was there on the 15th inst., on his way to Helena, where he will proceed to organize the negroes, and muster them into the military service. He is authorized to raise a brigade.

A correspondent of the Boston *Commercial Bulletin*, writing from Liverpool under date of Dec. 31, makes some interesting statements regarding the development of the Confederate navy. He says there are now at that port, at LAIRD's establishment, where the *Alabama* was built, three new iron screw steamers, one said to be 3,000 tons, the other two of 1,600 tons each; all very fine specimens, and expected to be formidable vessels and of great speed. The larger ship is reported to be ready for sea, with coals and stores on board, (no armament of course,) and her agents are now shipping a crew of picked men. It is said, in answer to inquiries, that this ship is bound for China! but there is little question that she is bound upon a piratical expedition, and it is hinted that MAURY (now in Liverpool) is to have the command. The two other ships are receiving their machinery, and will not be ready for the present. The same steamer that took the guns, &c., to the *Alabama* was in port, and is likely to be soon employed in a similar service. A party of officers attached to this fleet have appeared in the naval uniforms adopted by the so-called Confederacy, since the news of the battle of Fredericksburgh was received. The same correspondent also confirms the statements recently made regarding the departure of a large fleet of small steamers with cargoes of food and stores destined for the rebels.

The Chattanooga *Rebel* states that MAURY has gone abroad to take command of one of the rebel iron-clads.

A letter received in Boston on Saturday, direct from Newbern, brings the very latest intelligence from that point. It is dated last Saturday morning, Jan. 10, several days later than any previously received. The regular mails were to be interdicted for a short time, and everything indicated a formidable movement in some direction. The fleet of iron-clads was in sight, and siege guns, artillery, shell and fixed ammunition were being put into vessels in large quantities. Our troops were generally in good health.

A letter dated at Falmouth, as long ago as Jan. 2, notices as a significant circumstance the fact that the whole pontoon train, which had been taken to Washington, had again been brought down the river, and anchored in the vicinity of Gen. BURNSIDE's headquarters.

Formal notice is given that hereafter no passes will be issued to persons desirous of visiting Fortress Monroe, except to such as may have special business with the army and navy.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

The Senate was not in session on Saturday.

The Assembly, after a very excited session, adjourned until Wednesday evening next, the Democratic members having fillibustered so as to prevent a vote, as agreed upon, at 12 o'clock. The most disgraceful scenes were enacted in the Assembly Chamber during the proceedings, and threats of personal violence to Mr. CALLCOTT were freely indulged in.

GENERAL NEWS.

Capt. FULTON, of the bark *Parker Cook*, one of the most recent victims to the *Alabama*, has arrived in Philadelphia. His report states that he sailed from Boston for St. Domingo with a cargo which was composed mainly of provisions. Whilst off the Mona Passage, Nov. 30, his vessel was taken by the privateer Alabama. The charts and chronometer of the *Parker Cook*, the crew, and also a part of the cargo, were taken on board of the *Alabama*, and the bark was burned. The Captain and crew were detained on board until Dec. 5. When off Cape Maia, fell in with the schooner *Union*, for Jamaica, and from Baltimore. As her cargo belonged to British subjects, the *Union* was released upon giving a bond for $1,500; and the Captain and crew of the *Parker Cook* were placed on board, and conveyed to Jamaica. Thence Capt. FULTON took passage for Baltimore, leaving the crew in charge of the American Consul. Capt. FULTON left Philadelphia on Friday for his home in Boston. He states that a brother-in-law of JEFF. DAVIS, of the name of POWELL, holds the position of Lieutenant of Marines on board the *Alabama*. When SEMMES comes across the "wrong customer," he changes his tactics, shifts his politics, and stretches his conscience. Capt. FULTON himself was in irons, and experienced all the cruel kindness to be expected under the circumstances.

The entire amount received in Philadelphia by subscription, for the relief of the English operatives, is $30,323 46, of which $1,000 was contributed by the Philadelphia Bank, $170 by members of the Unitarian Church, $302 66 by members of the Church of the Holy Trinity, $71 45 by members of St. Mark's P. E. Church, Frankford, $50 by members of St. Luke's Church, and $70 by boys in the Episcopal Academy. The bark *Achilles*, which has been loaded with flour for the sufferers, was expected to leave for Europe yesterday.

Three hundred and twenty-five members of the Anderson troop, who mutinied and refused to take part in the battle of Murfreesboro, are now confined at Nashville, in a building formerly used as a smoke-house.

Work is rapidly progressing on the iron-clad *Tonawanda*, at the Philadelphia Navy-yard. Although her tonnage will be very heavy, she will carry but four guns. These, however, will be of the largest calibre.

It is said that when the Louisville and Nashville Railroad is again in running order, Gen. ROSECRANS will insist upon the transportation of the mails by that route as a military necessity, whether the Directors choose to take a contract or not.

The Governor of New-Hampshire has postponed the draft in that State *sine die*. It was to have taken place on the 5th inst.

In the Court of Oyer and Terminer on Saturday the jury in the case of JOSEPH TAYLOR, for arson in the third degree, returned with a verdict of "guilty," having remained out all night. The prisoner was remanded for sentence on Saturday next, and the Court adjourned to Monday morning, when the case of JOHN OLIVER, indicted for manslaughter, will be tried.

The Stock speculation on Saturday was again buoyant at rising prices. The price of Gold left off the same as on Friday—146¾ ⅌ cent.

Breadstuffs were in good request on Saturday, at slightly improved prices. An active business was reported in Cotton, which advanced 1c. ⅌ lb. in Whisky, which was quoted up 1c.@2c ⅌ gallon; as also in Wool, Tobacco, Petroleum and Provisions, which were very firm. Groceries were inactive. The Freight market was not very brisk. Other branches of trade presented no really new feature.

Jeff. Davis' Message.

The document, which we publish this morning in full, is an extraordinary mixture of sophistry and audacity. Its author seems to have set about his work with a deliberate determination that whatever special pleading could not do, reckless misrepresentation should. It effectually settles the fact that DAVIS is no blind fanatic, but a self-conscious charlatan.

A full half of the production is devoted to complaints against foreign Powers for not promptly acknowledging the independence of the Confederacy, and for practically furthering the interests of the old Government under the guise of neutrality. DAVIS begins, by trying to play upon the common European ignorance of our early history, by declaring that, as eleven States *seceded* in 1789 from the old confederation in order to establish a new Government, and were at once recognized by foreign Powers, so "when in 1861, eleven of the States again thought proper to *secede* from the second Union, and to form a third one," they exercised a right which other nations were bound at once to respect and abide by. Now no man knows better than JEFF. DAVIS that there was no *secession*, or anything like it, in 1789. The convention which framed the Federal Constitution was convoked regularly and legally, by a call of the Confederation Congress. That call was as follows:

Whereas, There are provisions in the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union for making alterations therein, *by the assent of a Congress of the United States*, and of the Legislatures of the several States; and, whereas, experience hath evinced that there are defects in the present Confederation, as a means to remedy which several of the States, and particularly the State of New-York, by express instructions to their delegates in Congress, have suggested a correction for the purposes expressed in the following resolution; and such a correction appearing to be the most probable means of establishing in these States a firm National Government;

Resolved, That in the opinion of Congress, it is expedient that on the second Monday in May next, a Convention of delegates who shall have been appointed by the several States, be held at Philadelphia, for the sole and express purpose of revising the Articles of Confederation, and reporting to Congress and the several Legislatures such alterations and provisions therein as shall, when agreed to in Congress and confirmed by the States, render the *Federal Constitution adequate to the exigencies of Government and the preservation of the Union.*

In pursuance of that authority, the Convention assembled, with regularly appointed delegates from all the thirteen States save Rhode Island. After four months deliberation, the Federal Constitution was framed, signed, and reported to the *existing Congress of the Confederation*. The Congress, by a unanimous vote, resolved that it should be transmitted to the State Legislatures, "in order to be submitted to a Convention of delegates chosen in each State by the people thereof, in conformity to the resolves of the Convention made and provided in the case." It was so submitted, and *eleven* States gave it their adhesion. The new Government was organized without delay—it being provided by the new Constitution itself, that this should be done so soon as *nine* States should ratify it. Because North Carolina and Rhode Island took a few months to deliberate, JEFF. DAVIS has the hardihood to represent that the other eleven had *seceded* from the old Government—covering up the vital fact that the old Government itself, through its Congress, its only organ, had authorized its own reconstruction in accordance with the thirteenth article of its fundamental law, the Articles of Confederation. Had the fifth article of the present Constitution been in like manner conformed to—had a Constitutional Convention been called by Congress, had amendments been proposed, allowing and providing for the withdrawal of any or all of the now so-called Confederate States, and had such amendments been "ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States, or by Conventions in three-fourths thereof"—the procedure would have been perfectly regular and legitimate. It is precisely because this was not done that, in contradistinction to the change of 1789, which was in all respects legal, the Jeff. Davis government is a *revolutionary* one. The impudence of this arch-traitor, in the pretence that the one bears out the other, is astounding.

Complaint is made against the foreign Powers for prohibiting the bringing of prizes into their ports, just as if such prohibition were an entirely new thing. The United States, in the past, has almost uniformly denied this privilege, even though it recognized the right of privateering. When the European Powers, in 1856, abolished privateering, of course they were so much the more bound to make an end of the old usage of admitting privateers' prizes into their ports. They would have stultified themselves had they not done so. But yet DAVIS has the face to speak of it as a grievance. He also declares that our blockade is incomplete, and finds great fault because the European Powers persist in respecting it. This is done on the very heels of the other pretence that the action of these same Powers in shutting their ports against the prizes of his privateers, had unjustly deprived him of a most formidable means of war. If the blockade is so easily run as he represents, there can be no need of European ports for his prizes; the Confederate ports would be quite sufficient for his privateering purposes. The inconsistency is absurd.

Turning to home topics, JEFF. pours out a torrent of incoherent wrath upon the President's Proclamation. In one sentence he speaks of it as "a measure by which several millions of human beings of an inferior race are doomed to extermination"—and in the next he speaks of the "profound contempt for the impotent rage which it discloses." In one breath the Proclamation is the most atrocious of barbarities, in the next it is fit only to be laughed at. There is no method in JEFF.'s madness. Another piece of stupendous effrontery quickly follows. He quotes the assurances in President LINCOLN's Inaugural that he had no lawful right and no disposition to interfere with Slavery in the States, and declares that the late Proclamation is proof that these assurances were perfidious—just as if the powers and functions of the President in peace and in war were identical, and no such thing as a *war power* were known to public law. Indeed, DAVIS cannot altogether ignore the fact that peace had not yet been broken at the time of this inaugural; and he asserts that this same lack of power was acknowledged by Mr. SEWARD in dispatches to Messrs. ADAMS and DAYTON, under date of the 10th and 22d of April of the same year—the latter date being after the firing upon Sumter. But the fact is notorious that our Government, especially the Secretary of State, believed at that time that the "insurrection" as it was then termed, would be speedily and easily suppressed. Nobody imagined that the insurrection would swell into such a gigantic civil war as we now see. To quote the views and purposes expressed at that stage of the business as binding authority for the action of the Government in its present life-or-death struggle, would require, anywhere but in Richmond, a front of brass.

If this rebel deliverance has a sincere portion, it is that which reiterates the determination to listen to no terms of peace "until the sovereignty and independence of the Confederate States shall have been triumphantly vindicated and firmly established." Every considerate man has known that the rebel leaders would never relinquish their power except as constrained by absolute physical necessity—cognizant as they are that they could have no political future in a reconstructed Union—and that negotiation, with them, even if otherwise allowable, would be worse than wasted. But there are men here in the North, who still cling to the notion that these rebel leaders can be conciliated into submission, and are trying to accomplish it. JEFF. treats such schemers with all the disdain and contempt they deserve. Let that go to his credit.

The Intercepted Dispatches.

Our Government had the luck, some time ago, to intercept a number of dispatches from the rebel Government to their agents and emissaries abroad, which are now given to the public. We published them in full yesterday, and this morning we reprint all of them that are of significance or value. They will *be found highly interesting to all observers of* the war, because they give the view that the rebels are supposed to take, confidentially, of their position and prospects as a new power. The dispatches relate to the military operations and claimed successes of the Confederates between the 19th of July and 26th of September, 1862; their foreign relations, especially with France, England and Denmark; and their financial plans for converting cotton into European credit. There is a lot of personal and less important matters treated of in the intercepted papers, such as the employment of Mr. EDWARD DE LEON to bribe European newspapers to favor the Southern cause, the granting to GEORGE N. SANDERS of a contract to build steamships, and instructions of Secretary MEMMINGER to FRAZER, TRENHOLM & Co., of Liverpool, (Confederate depositaries in England,) in the art of book-keeping.

Although these dispatches, disclosing what may be styled an inside view of the rebellion, are interesting, they are not very important. The longest paper of the number is the letter of Mr. BENJAMIN, rebel Secretary of State, to Mr. SLIDELL, at Paris, dated Sept. 26, 1862, purporting to give the latter person a *résumé* of rebel military successes between the 19th July and 26th of September. Mr. BENJAMIN goes over ground already familiar to everybody, in the usual bombastic style of the rebels; and the only remarkable thing about the document, is that in every single instance the dispatch proved false and deceptive, and raised hopes, if it was believed in at all, only to disappoint them. But it is difficult to imagine that Mr. BENJAMIN really expected to convey information on the events of the war, from his isolated position, to Mr. SLIDELL, when the latter had freer access to the "New-York newspapers." The rebel Secretary crowns his absurd farrago by a detailed calculation, showing that the National Government had lost 349,500 soldiers, killed, wounded, sick and deserted, in the campaign just then closed. And he considerately adds that it is not perhaps exactly accurate, but is believed to be "much below the real state of the case."

That part of the intercepted rebel dispatches which will excite most attention at home and abroad is the pretended exposure of a French intrigue to detach Texas from the Southern Confederacy—the veracious history of which is given in a letter from Mr. BENJAMIN to Mr. SLIDELL. The story, in brief, is as follows:

On the 18th of August last, M. TRESCOT, French and Spanish Consul at Galveston, addressed a letter to Gov. LUBBOCK, of Texas, propounding three questions to him. 1. Was the annexation of Texas to the United States a blunder? 2. Was the annexation of Texas to the Confederate States a bad political step? 3. Would not the reestablishment of the old Republic of Texas, be a good thing? M. TRESCOT hints, at the close of his letter, that he will guide his course in his communications to the Governments he represents by the answer he gets.

Gov. LUBBOCK, on the 9th of September, replies to this letter as a faithful Confederate Governor should, repelling the delicate approach of the French Consul; and immediately incloses a copy of the correspondence to JEFF. DAVIS.

On the 13th of October, M. TABOUELLE, French Consul at Richmond, seeks out Mr. W. S. OLDHAM, Confederate States Senator from Texas, elected in implied opposition to JEFF. DAVIS, and under the pretext of inquiring for statistics in regard to Texas, ingeniously and as if merely casually, proponds the query to the Senator, whether Texas, as large, so rich and so promising a State as it is, would not do better to assume an "independent nationality." Senator OLDHAM, having heard from JEFF. DAVIS about the TRESCOT and LUBBOCK correspondence, instantly put that and this together, and wrote a letter to JEFF. DAVIS calling his attention to the singular coincidence of the political ideas of these two French servants in regard to Texas.

Mr. DAVIS and his Secretary of State are startled by what seems a full-blown intrigue, and after three days' deliberation they decide that MM. TABOUELLE and TRESCOT should be expelled from the Confederacy, as enemies to its existence, and not return again "without the previous permission of the [rebel] Government." Orders to this effect were issued to the offending Consuls; but on the next day, that against M. TABOUELLE was rescinded, on explanations by that gentleman exculpating him from suspicion of being connected with the "intrigue." Mr. SLIDELL is requested to learn, at once, if possible, whether the French Government has inspired the action of the two Consuls. But no indignation is vented on France, on the hypothesis that such should be found to be the case. The whole affair is treated with amazing indifference on the part of the Confederate Government. It is not supposed to offer the slightest occasion for a breach of the *entente cordiale* between Mr. SLIDELL and the French Government; and the only use Mr. SLIDELL is asked to make of this affected discovery of an intrigue so dangerous to the Confederate cause, is to furnish the story to the "British Cabinet," as the exposure of these secret and selfish designs of France may induce the British Cabinet to check them by *an immediate recognition of the independence of the Confederate States.*

We dislike to trifle with a grave subject by the employment of disparaging illustrations, but we must say that, to our mind, this instruction of Mr. BENJAMIN reveals "the milk in the cocoanut" of this pretended "intrigue." The whole affair is a bit of play between Secessionists, got up to humbug Great Britain. It is not cleverly done, either. The trick is gauzy and transparent, and will deceive nobody but its inventors. When the Southern politicians who are engineering this rebellion, were engineering the annexation of Texas, they found their game obstructed by the United States Senate. They resorted then, and with wonderful effect, to a bit of coquetry between *England and Texas*, and the American people were asked if they would *be content to see the British Empire aggrandized* by the acquisition of the rich Republic of Texas, right on our border? The answer was an overwhelming demand for and the immediate annexation of Texas to the Union. The same men are trying to play the old game on England now, to accomplish the directly reverse result—to separate Texas from the Union. Let any one read the whole revelations carefully, and the trick will be manifest. The naughty Consuls are not likely to suffer death for their hostility to the Confederate Government. The Richmond official was restored to full honors the day after his banishment, and the Galveston one has the hope held out of permission to return again to duty.

THE VICKSBURGH AFFAIR.—The letter of our correspondent with SHERMAN's army, giving an account of the late attempt and failure to capture Vicksburgh—which letter has been delayed for some days by a military censor—will be found in this day's issue. It is evident that it was utterly impossible for any force to have succeeded in doing the work this force was ordered to do, in the way they were ordered to do it. The rebel works on the heights raked our advancing columns, one after another, precisely as the far larger army of BURNSIDE was raked, fifteen days before, from the heights of Fredericksburgh. The difference between the assault on the fortifications near the Yazoo, and those near the Rappahannock, was, that while at Fredericksburgh it might have been possible for BURNSIDE to flank LEE's army by a movement over against the right or left wing of the latter, it was impossible to immediately flank the rebel position on Chickasaw Bayou. There was but one practicable route of advance, and that was right up in face of the rebel works; while on those works was planted such an amount of artillery, flinging such a weight of metal, that it would apparently have been as easy for them to keep back a hundred thousand as twenty thousand men. No one can read the description of the fortifications given by our correspondent, and the various charges made upon them by successive columns led by different Generals, each one, if possible, braver than the other, and not see the madness of Gen. SHERMAN in attempting their capture by storm in this way. It is not necessary to say that the troops on this occasion fought as usual, with a heroism defiant of death or wounds; and our great loss in the assaults of Sunday and Monday, the 28th and 29th of December, show that whatever caused our failure, it was not the valor of our soldiers.

The great fault—the bloody crime, shall we say—lay in Gen. SHERMAN's making such an attempt as he did, under such circumstances, to take those works. The programme of operations against Vicksburgh which amused the public in the newspapers—and which, it is now claimed since the defeat, was the "real genuine original" programme laid out at Washington—was that there should be a combined movement against Vicksburgh from above, from below, and from the rear;—GRANT with the main column moving down the Mississippi Central Railroad, and striking thence west toward Vicksburgh, and BANKS and SHERMAN with armies and navies operating on either side and in front. But Gen. SHERMAN, who, during the war has suffered an amazing variety of ups and downs, was anxious to reduce the great stronghold by his own unaided efforts. Hence the insane attack—hence the sanguinary failure. As a reward for his services, SHERMAN has been just placed at the head of one of the two great columns into which Gen. MCCLERNAND's army has been divided.

The Affair at Galveston.

View it in what light we may, the New-Year's Day disaster at Galveston, of which we yesterday presented a full account from our correspondent at Galveston Bay, is about the most disgraceful stain which has been put upon our arms during the whole progress of this war. The capture of the town by the rebels was bad enough; but when, at the same time, we hear of the boarding and seizure of one United States war vessel—the blowing up of another—and the ignominious flight of the rest, before two or three pasteboard Mississippi steamboats piled up with cotton bales and manned by musketeers, the measure of the nation's shame and anger is filled to overflowing.

Of course, nobody is to blame. What if our Admirals and Generals, as a sort of New-Year's frolic, do lose us a town, a couple of war vessels, any quantity of arms, ammunition and public stores, along with three whole companies of volunteers and a number of Texan refugees, all murdered in cold blood? We shall only have a brief two or three days of public complaint, a few plausible excuses and explanations from the guilty parties and from Washington, and the offenders—if such there be—will be given a *carte-blanche* to go and repeat their performances elsewhere.

But let us look at this thing a moment. Galveston, built on an island, is connected with the main land by a railroad bridge, spanning across the bay on piles. This bridge has been, and was known to be, *protected by a strong rebel battery at each end.* The railroad leading across the bridge is the trunk road of no fewer than five other railroads, all concentrating at Houston. Any one looking at a map can see that, by means of these railroads, all the rebel forces within 150 miles could, in the shortest possible time, be massed on Galveston Island. Any one at all practically acquainted with that part of the country knows that there is no other point, on the whole range of the Texan coast, where forces can be so easily concentrated from the interior upon the seaboard, as at Galveston. It is equally well known that nowhere on the coast of Texas (not even excepting Sabine City) can so many insurmountable obstacles be presented to any army marching into the interior, as they would find in starting inland from any point on Galveston Bay, *owing to the boggy nature of the ground, the rivers and river bottoms, and the facility with* which a retreating enemy could destroy behind them the countless wooden bridges, viaducts and trestle work of the railroads in that section. The rebels, knowing full well the value to them of a position where they could easily concentrate upon us, but where we could not attempt to follow them, selected Galveston as their battle-ground, and we, with our usual politeness, acted in conformity with their wishes.

In view of these facts, what will be thought of the absurdity of wasting powder and balls upon a town of no military value to us, and which could have been hermetically sealed by a single little iron-clad located off Bolivar or Fort Point? Or, having seized the place, why did we not, at the time, destroy that railroad bridge and the batteries defending it? What can be said of the military sagacity that could have sent men in driblets to a place like Galveston, when—so long as that bridge and batteries were standing—even if all the forces ordered there could have simultaneously landed, they must have been still at the mercy of the enemy?

There is a point further down on the Texan coast whence our forces *could* march into the interior, and whence the enemy could not concentrate upon us at a moment's notice; where the rebels are known to be helpless in moral and physical resources, while we are strong in thousands of loyal hearts now praying for our advent—where a real *live* General could, with one quarter of the forces now idling their time away in the Gulf, rally around him the down-trodden freemen of all Western Texas, fall like an avalanche upon Austin and San Antonio, and redeem territory enough for three or four new Free States. That place is *Fort Brown*, at the mouth of the Rio Grande.

But as this would promise sure and speedy success,—as it happens to be the only route into Texas not rendered impassable by bogs and quagmires surpassing the Chickahominy,—as it might cut in two the rebel army, interrupt the trade with and through Mexico, by which rebellion has hitherto been kept alive, and perhaps frustrate the designs of foreign potentates in our territories, of course it would be foolish to attempt it.

As the rebels infinitely prefer being attacked where they are best prepared to repel us, by all means let us humor them as we have all along been doing. Let us again move against Galveston, and after valiantly bombarding it so as to cover our shame in a gunpowder cloud of glory, let us take a boat ride to the interior from there, or across the swamps of Louisiana, (after retaking Vicksburgh and Port Hudson;) for those are just the only two routes by which nothing short of an alligator would ever think of approaching Texas.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

MORE RUMORS ABOUT THE CABINET.

An Unpleasant Interview Between New-Yorkers and the President.

The Missouri Emancipation Scheme.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Jan. 18.

CABINET CHANGES AGAIN.

A Committee, consisting of Mayor GUNTER, and other politically and financially interested New-Yorkers, is said to have waited on the President yesterday, to urge upon him certain Cabinet changes as essential to the salvation of the country. The interview is said to have been unpleasant, the President distinctly avowing his belief that the Government was better informed as to the necessities of the country than outsiders could be, no matter how able or intelligent. This affair is mixed up with a select Republican caucus of members of the House, having in view the same objects, and said to have been instigated by Mr. GARNEY, but in which everybody is also said to be pledged to a secrecy which we have shall no effort to penetrate. It adjourned to Tuesday.

THE FINANCES.

Messrs. STEVENS, HOOPER and HOOPER, the Sub-Committee of Ways and Means, had an interview yesterday with Secretary CHASE, to confer with him in regard to measures of finance. The Secretary suggested the repeal of the limitation and convertibility clauses, and the omission of the seventh and eighth sections of the bill reported of the Committee of Ways and Means to the House. The Sub-Committee have had no conference since, but will report these suggestions to the Committee at its meeting to-morrow morning. It is believed that the suggestions of the Secretary will be adopted in regard to convertibility and limitation, and that if this is done, the bill of Mr. HOOPER will not be urged in the House.

CHECKING NEWS FROM ABROAD.

The State Department is in receipt of intelligence of the most cheering nature from abroad in regard to our foreign relations.

MISSOURI EMANCIPATION.

The House bill to aid Missouri in emancipating her slaves will be up again in the Senate to-morrow, and will probably be amended by substituting the bill of Mr. HENDERSON, modified in Committee by cutting down the provisional appropriation for twenty-five millions to twenty millions. In this shape the bill is understood to be acceptable to Mr. NESMITH, author of the House bill, and will probably pass that body.

COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

Speaker GROW is named in connection with the Commission of Internal Revenue, when the position shall be vacated by Commissioner BOUTWELL, M. C. elect.

AN ITEM FROM RICHMOND.

Some of our prisoners recently released from the dungeons at Richmond, state that the utmost excitement prevailed there during the period when BURNSIDE was preparing to attack Lee, and BANKS was believed to be on his way up the James River. All the rebel troops had been sent to the front, till the garrison and guards numbered considerably less than the prisoners, and the latter had planned a conspiracy for rising upon their keepers and seizing the city themselves. Some of the most intelligent assert positively that the plans would have been carried out had they been able to know that Gen. BANKS was in *reality at hand, and that the few rebel soldiers* would have been easily overpowered and the city easily captured and held in readiness to be handed over to the National authorities, on their arrival.

THE PROPOSED RAILROAD.

The Select Committee on an air-line railroad between Washington and New-York, held their first meeting on Saturday morning, for hearing parties interested. The several existing companies on the present route were represented by their Presidents, and by Mr. GEORGE ASHMUN, as their counsel. Mr. ASHMUN opened the case by a statement of the principles and considerations which ought to control the decision of the case. He was followed by Mr. BRADLEY, in behalf of the New-Jersey Railroad Corporation, Mr. FRYER, President of the Philadelphia and Wilmington Railroad, and Mr. GARRETT, President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

The hearings will probably continue. The points enforced are that the existing companies have abundant means and facilities for doing all that is required for the public necessities and convenience, and that the local impediments interposed in Philadelphia and Baltimore have thus far crippled their efforts to come up to the public demands. All that is now needed, they urged, is that Congress shall give these companies authority to overcome the obstructions in these cities; and the several companies give the most positive assurances to the Committee that a double track shall be laid down immediately on the whole line. There will be another hearing to-morrow.

DEATHS OF SOLDIERS IN HOSPITAL.

Dennis Barney, Co. I, 22d Massachusetts.
Sergt. E. Emerson, Co. C, 94th New-York.
John Burnham, Co. H, 17th Maine.
Robert Logan, Co. F, 51st New-York.
Franklin Hodgman, Co. E, 12th New-Hampshire.
Squire Fuller, Co. C, 12th New-York.
J. Francis, Co. A, 20th Massachusetts.
Geo. W. Sanville, Co. E, 24th New-York.
E. E. Reice, Co. G, 137th New-York.
John Decker, Co. A, 16th New-Jersey.
John Kelly, 22d New-York Artillery.
M. H. McMinee, Co. C, 4th Rhode Island.
Thomas Lozenit, Co. G, 10th New-Jersey.
Justin Jones, Co. K, 111th New-York.
Charles Benjamin, Co. F, 72d New-York.
J. B. Sampson, 11th New-Hampshire.
Geo. W. Cumings, Co. D, 26th New-Jersey.
John Fulkemer, Co. E, 1st Michigan.
Geo. La Force, Co. E, 20th New-York.
Patrick Scanlon, Co. C, 82d New-York.
Elkron Ruff, Co. K, 24th Michigan.
Wm. Beecher, Co. I, 61st New-York.
Sergt. Henry B. Hill, Co. D, 27th Connecticut.
Wm. H. Rice, Co. K, 32d Massachusetts.
Stephen White, Co. D, 9th Massachusetts.
Arthur D. Collins, Co. G, 1st Michigan Cavalry.
Corp. John Hart, Co. E, 140th New-York.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Jan. 18.

PAYMENTS TO THE ARMY.

The current error that payments to the army have been suspended, requires correction. Nearly $9,000,000 have been paid within the last ten days, and the payments of yesterday exceed $1,000,000. These payments are all made under the law passed at the last session.

THE ISSUE OF UNITED STATES NOTES.

The joint resolution, authorizing an additional

IMPORTANT FROM ALBANY

The New Phase of the Speakership Difficulty.

Outrageous Proceedings of the Democracy.

The Threats of Personal Violence to Mr. Callicott.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Sunday, Jan. 18, 1863.

Since the adjournment of the Assembly yesterday, at which moment my hasty sketch of the most extraordinary proceedings closed, there have been such efforts to divert attention by both Union and Democratic members, but nothing has transpired materially changing the situation of affairs.

The adjournment for three days, if it does nothing more, will afford time for reflection; and with the Union members it can but strengthen their determination to stand by Mr. Callicott, so long as he remains in the field, and to do nothing to take him out of it but consistent with his own wishes.

With the Democratic members, time and reflection, so far from confirming them in the extreme position they have taken in opposition to Mr. Callicott, will bring to them support from no quarter. The revolutionary ground they occupy is utterly untenable. In declaring their purposes, and in the manifestations of the means relied on to execute them, they have far transcended every known rule, invoked the guilt of shared, threatened bloodshed, and gone beyond even those, where no honorable man, who reflects at all, can draw for his reputation or responsibilities, any follower. There are members in the Democratic ranks of whom I have predicated that it would be impossible to hold them to the line of revolutionary policy marked upon the party in the Legislature by Wood, Fernando and Co. I believe so still. The Democrats represented by the Trimmers, the Fletchers, the Johnsons and others of that class, I am persuaded will not consent to be used to execute the extreme purposes of the Fernando Wood leaders; and I believe the moment has come when the Democrats of good sense, who have character and a sense of propriety and justice, must draw back from the bloody chasm hobbly crowded by those whom they have thus far, though unwillingly, consented to follow.

Since this is the most extraordinary state of things that has ever existed in this or perhaps any other State, and since it has taken the popular branch of the Legislature to the verge of revolution, it is proper that all the circumstances should be borne in mind.

On the day of meeting, the 6th inst., the Union members proceeded to vote for Mr. Sherwood and the Democrats for Mr. Swan, for Speaker of the Assembly. Sixty-three votes being cast for each of these gentlemen day after day, the voting and the dead-lock continued, until all prospect of organizing the House under that state of things was exhausted. Meanwhile, the *Atlas & Argus* gave out that, to prevent the organization would be to defeat the election of a Union United States Senator, and in effect advised that the policy of the Democrats should be to prevent the election of a Speaker. And Mr. Dean is reported as having about the same time said, in effect, that he cared little for the honors of the Speakership if the organization could be delayed, and thereby the election of a United States Senator prevented. Indeed, the revolutionary purpose was openly avowed to be contemplated.

In the face of this deliberately conceived plot to obstruct the State, to prevent much needed legislation, and the infliction of a deep moral and political injury, the Union members receded from Mr. Sherwood, the candidate of their first choice, and transferred their votes to Mr. Callicott, a Democrat who had been prominent with his party for the Speakership, who was experienced in legislation and qualified for the position. They did this, not as the result of a bargain, but simply and solely because it had become apparent that to organize at all, either the Union members must vote for a Democrat or the Democrats must vote for a Union member. Since, therefore, the Democrats had resolved and persevered to adhere to Mr. Dean,—not for the purpose of an organization, but to prevent one, to prevent the election of United States Senator, as well as legislation of any kind, the Union members with the spirit of concession and regard for the public welfare that should secure for them the approbation of any right-minded man in the State, proposed to place a Democrat in the Speaker's chair, rather than this state of things should continue—and continue, even to the disfranchisement of the State in the United States Senate, and the prevention of much-needed legislation, unless they did precisely this. It would. Since the Speaker, if there was one, must be a Democrat, and since the Union members must elect him, it was to be expected, as a matter of course, that they would select a gentleman who was not only capable, but, though a Democrat, was at the same time among the least objectionable members of the Opposition. On looking through the Democratic list, Mr. Callicott was found to be preferred by the greatest number of his political opponents. The declaration of the intention of the Union members to support him for the Speakership, and the expression of the hope that he would not vote against himself, has permit himself to be chosen, constituted the bargain, and the whole of the bargain, between Mr. Callicott and the Union members, at which the Fernando Wood lady-guard are so much shocked. So far from there being any bargain in the case, the Union members simply preferred the organization of the Legislature, with a Democratic Speaker, to the success of the plans of Fernando Wood, who had thus far been successful in controlling the action of a majority of the Democratic members. This is all there is of it—the very extent of the matter.

It was perhaps but natural that the men who had been successful in controlling the Democratic caucus, who had not only avowed through the columns of the *Atlas & Argus* the revolutionary purpose of preventing the election of a Union United States Senator, and who had arranged all their plans accordingly, when these plans the very next hour were completely frustrated, should become excited, and excitable to the last. Less, perhaps, could not be expected of them. But, instead of confining themselves within boundaries beyond which men with a proper sense of their obligations could not go, and to legitimate means, they boldly threatened violence, transferred to the Assembly chamber, where calm deliberation of all questions and quiet submission to the expressed will of the majority had been the only rule of action, the tactics of the most degraded species of Ward politics, where physical might constitutes moral right, and where the minority, instead of recognizing propriety, resorts to arguments of the knock-down, club, and pocketsie to turn the majority out of doors.

The language of threat so freely indulged in by Mr. Franks and Mr. Mooney, and repeated by Mr. Green and Mr. Stevenson, during the session of yesterday, meant, if it meant anything at all, the assassination of Mr. Callicott, in case he was elected—language which derives force and significance from the presence of hundreds of bullies and bad men imported from New-York and Brooklyn, and can be defeated or excused by no man who values his own reputation. With these bloody threats were frequent boastful allusions to the triumph of the Democracy and Gov. Seymour, as though the election and Gov. Seymour authorized the revolutionary proceedings. I do not pretend to know what connection there really existed, but that the conspirators against organization and the leaders in the work of violence had assurance of sympathizers, prepared to feel themselves honored by the objects of their frequent allusions, was very evident.

It is useless to deny that at the adjournment on Saturday, matters were an extremely threatening aspect. The Union members had not indulged in a single unkind word, provocative of angry retort, or calculated to heat their opponents to organize. From this purpose they did not believe they can be swerved. Their course is right, and they should not be swerved from it. There is now a principle involved far overwhelming the Speakership, which should prevent violence. Let them be conciliatory as well as firm, and do nothing to exasperate. They are in the right, and the other side is in the wrong. Men want nothing better. If the question whether a fairly constituted majority shall be permitted under the appointed methods to organize, or be prevented by violence and bloody threats, must ever be tried out to the bitter end, it may as well come now as any other time—this House may as well be the scene as any future body.

RODERICK.

EXCITEMENT IN BROOKLYN.

The course of Hon. E. G. Callicott in the State Assembly has created intense excitement among his supporters in the Fifth Assembly District, and, in fact, among the Democracy of the entire City of Brooklyn. Nothing else is talked of by the more active politicians, and threats are plentiful of summary proceedings on his return. There was a report on Saturday evening that some of his constituency intended to drive him out of the Ninth Ward, where he resides. A telegraphic dispatch, received at 11 o'clock that night, stated that he did not intend to come home till a Speaker was elected, and those who made the threats had no opportunity, therefore, of carrying out their purposes. A burlesque effigy of Callicott, duly hanged, was suspended from a pole in front of Washington-hall, near Vanderbilt-avenue, yesterday. It being on private property, the police declined to do the best course in pursuing, but eventually dragged Lieut. of the Portsmouth Precinct, fearing that it might bring many of a disorderly character together, had it cut down and it was done. The officer was not interfered with.

THE ARKANSAS VICTORY.

The Official Report of General McClernand.

FROM SEVEN TO TEN THOUSAND PRISONERS

MEMPHIS, Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1863.

Major-Gen. H. W. Halleck, General-in-Chief:

The following dispatch is just received:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE MISSISSIPPI, FORT ST. ARKANSAS, Jan. 11, 1863.

Major-Gen. U. S. Grant, Commanding the Department of the Tennessee:

I have the honor to report that the force under my command attacked the Post of Arkansas to-day, at one o'clock, having stormed the enemy's works. We took a large number of prisoners, variously estimated at from seven to ten thousand, together with all his stores, animals and munitions of war.

Rear-Admiral DAVID D. PORTER, commanding the Mississippi Squadron, effectively and brilliantly cooperated, accomplishing this complete success.

JOHN A. McCLERNAND,
Major-General Commanding.

(Signed) U. S. GRANT, Major-General.

AMUSEMENTS.

Mr. WALLACK favored his inconveniently numerous patrons with a revival of Vanbrugh and Cibber's comedy of the "Provoked Husband," on Saturday evening, affording to the extremities of that delectable fossil one of the most crowded and fashionable audiences of the season. The piece is hardly known to the present generation of theatre-goers, and will not, we think, live in remembrance from its present resuscitation. Sir JOHN VANBRUGH belongs to the fullest period of English dramatic literature, when under the influence of good Queen ANNE, the stage was trying to purify itself of the licentiousness of the previous reign, and to set itself up as a monitor. The "Provoked Husband" teaches the lesson that female gamblers bring misery to their homes, and in the end are sure to estrange the affections of their husbands. Wholesome as this lesson may have been in the day when it was given, it has lost its significance now, and the homilies of *Lord Townley*, and the fashionable flippancies of his lady are alike wearisome. Of plot or intrigue there is really nothing. The analyst looks in vain for anything beyond characterization; listens with unrewarded diligence for an expression higher than a conversational commonplace. The only character that possesses vitality is that of *Lady Townley*, and it is probable that EMERSON, in calling her *Lady Tootle* and giving her a reasonable opportunity in the "School for Scandal," was actuated by motives of benevolence. It is certain that the two characters are almost identical. For the rest we may say briefly that the piece is long and tiresome, that it has a comic department bearing no relation with the main concern, and that the fun is the fun of clod-hoppers. Why the piece should be produced, except to add another unfortunate husband to the calendar of Mr. WALLACK's Court of Arches, we are at a loss to understand.

It answers one useful purpose, however. All the agreeable actresses of Mr. WALLACK's company are in the cast. Duty, as well as gallantry compels us to say that what success the comedy obtained was entirely due to this circumstance. The easy and fascinating dash of Mrs. HOEY as *Lady Townley*; the charming simplicity of Miss HERBERT as *Lady Grace*; the exuberant elation of Miss MARY GARNON as *Jenny*; and the broad caricature of Miss FANNY MORANT as *Lady Wronghead*, were alike excellent. Of the gentlemen, it is only necessary to mention Mr. FISHER's performance of Lord Townley; a careful and painstaking effort, but from unavoidable causes preachy and sombre. Mr. GEORGE HOLLAND extracted all the fun that was possible out of the part of *John Moody*, and Mr. REYNOLDS in the ungrateful and inexplicable *rôle* of *Mr. Manly*, succeeded in doing the best that was possible under the circumstances. The comedy was put upon the stage with all Mr. WALLACK's usual care, and was admirably dressed. Whether it is worth the pains that has been bestowed upon it, is a question which we hardly think the public will hesitate to answer.

Miss BATEMAN commences an engagement at Niblo's this evening. There can be no doubt that she will reimact the series of triumphs which attended her performances early in the season at the Winter Garden. Miss BATEMAN is an artist to whom each effort of study brings new revelations of character and feeling. Cultivation with her insures progress, improvement. Admirable as were the earlier developments of her genius, its true scope and power can only be appreciated by those who know how practice and experience have expanded and matured it. It has lost little, if any, of its purity and freshness, but is softened with a mellower tone of womanly intensity and tenderness. While at Niblo's, Miss BATEMAN, besides reappearing in parts which have already secured her eulogy and fame, will have several new pieces produced expressly for her. In one of the new pieces she plays to-night. It is called "Leah, the Forsaken," and in plot and language possesses the elements which command success. In it, and in all Miss BATEMAN's personations, she will receive, as heretofore, the valuable support of Mr. J. W. WALLACK, Jr., and Mr. EDWIN ADAMS.

Mrs. JOHN WOOD's engagement at Laura Keene's has been one of the most prosperous she has ever played in the City. The theatre is filled to overflowing every evening. This week, two of the most attractive pieces of her repertory—"The Actress by Daylight" and "Somebody Else"—are announced for revival. Several novelties are said to be in preparation.

Mr. COULDOCK, in the domestic drama of "The Chimney Corner," has obtained a legitimate success at the Winter Garden, and will repeat the performance every evening. Mr. DAVENPORT, in one or two scenes, fairly shares the applause with which the drama is received. Senora CUBAS, whose remarkable combat in the "French Spy" strikes terror into the souls of her soldier-strapped admirers, and whose graceful and picturesque performance of the part in Pepita's ballet has won universal praise, will appear on Wednesday next in a new piece, called "Mazurka, or the Child of the Forest." Who would not be a traveler, if such children promised, in the merry greenwood?

Mr. BARNUM positively advertises Tuesday, the 19th of February, as the wedding day of Tom Thumb and Miss LAVINIA WARREN, and declares that after that date it will be impossible for him to prevail on them to appear in public. Consequently those who fail to visit the Museum within the next three weeks will possibly never have another opportunity of beholding the handsome little lady, whom the Great Showman, with as much difficulty tempted for a while out of the shades of private life. The General has his time almost entirely taken up with the preparations for the great event of his life; but Commodore NUTT remains to introduce Miss WARREN to the crowds who daily throng to her levées. In the dramatic way the company at the Museum appear afternoon and evening in BOUCICAULT's celebrated drama of "The Phantom."

Mr. MARTIN, an actor, who, at Niblo's and other New-York theatres, has filled not unimportant positions with conscientiousness and ability, assumes temporary management of part of Mr. WEMYSS's company, and with Mr. HAZNEY as star, starts on a provincial tour. He opens in Springfield, Conn., this evening; New Haven to-morrow, and Hartford on Wednesday.

SHAMEFUL DESECRATION OF THE DEAD.

VULTURES IN A CHURCH VAULT.

The Way the Trustees of a Church Treat the Bodies of Their Deceased Members—Excitement and Indignation Among the Surviving Friends.

An Investigation to be Held Before the City Inspector To-Day.

The wonderful mutations that have taken place upon this Island of Manhattan during the last fifteen or twenty years, consequent upon the rapid and extraordinary growth of the City, have not been confined in their effects to the living solely, but have also cast their shifting shadows down among the dark vaults of the dead. Many are the bones of ancient Burghers and modern Cits that have been dragged from their resting-places—innocently supposed to be their last—to witness the "march of improvement," and be offered up a sacrifice to the "progressive spirit of the age." Sometimes the sacrilege has seemed to be so necessary and inevitable—as in the laying out of streets avenues, &c., that it was, in a measure, excusable; at other times it has been so evidently dictated by avarice and mercenary greed, that it merited, as it merited, the condemnation of every right-minded person in the community. To the latter category belongs the case now under consideration.

The residents of the west side of the town, above Canal-street, are probably aware that, for some time past, the old Sullivan-street Methodist Episcopal Church, between Amity and Bleecker streets, has been occupied by colored people—the former occupants, and present owners, having built them a new house of worship, further up, called the Washington-square M. E. Church; or, the "marble church in Fourth-street." Underneath the old church in Sullivan street, far down below the class-room in the basement, are vaults filled with the dead of the past generation, piled one upon another, to the depth of twelve or fifteen feet. There are probably within the vaults about 4,000 coffins, comprising all the burials from that church and congregation, as well as outsiders, between the years 1837 and 1849. The negro congregation, now occupying the church, have recently proposed to purchase the property, but have insisted as a preliminary condition that the dead bodies in the vaults should all be removed. Whether the natural superstition which forms so prominent a feature in the negro character, causes them to shrink from pursuing their devotions over such a mass of lifeless humanity, or whether at this eventful period in the history of their race they desire to start in their parochial career with a clear field, unincumbered by the "dead past," it is needless to inquire, and is none of our business. Suffice it to say that they insist upon a thorough clearing out of the vaults before they will purchase, and assert that they will never, under any circumstances, consent to found their new Ethiopian church upon fifteen feet of crumbling Caucasian clay.

Under these circumstances the Trustees of the marble Church in Fourth-street, who are also the Trustees of the old Church in William-street, determined to remove the bodies from the vaults and deposit them in the New-York Bay Cemetery at Bergen Point. They obtained a permit from the City Inspector and commenced their work two weeks ago. The work is being done under the Superintendence of Wm. WEEKS, one of the Trustees. And here it is proper to state, that had the unpleasant job been undertaken in a proper manner, and performed in a decent way, and had proper notice been given to the friends of the deceased, the Trustees would not probably have been interfered with, and no complaint would have been made. For the sake of having the work done speedily, however, the Trustees thought best of removing each body by itself, and preserving as far as possible its identity, commenced the job by smashing up the coffins, and emptying their contents indiscriminately into large rough boxes capable of holding from ten to fifteen bodies each. The plates are rudely torn from the coffins and thrown one side in a heap, and in numerous instances where the coffins were found to be perfectly sound, they have been chopped in pieces with an axe and the contents thrown into the large box, to save the expense of removing each coffin by itself. Our informant states that he beheld one case where the body taken from the coffin was too long for the large box, and the workmen twisted the head off to make it fit. In another case the feet were chopped off at the ankles, and in almost every instance the large box would be filled so full that the lid would not shut tight without being pressed, which was done by several brawny workmen getting upon the box and jumping up and down. In this manner some 500 or 600 bodies have been packed in these boxes during the last two weeks, but none of them have yet been removed. These facts soon came to the knowledge of persons having friends buried in the vaults, and gave rise to great excitement and indignation against the trustees, who permitted such disgraceful sacrilege. It should be stated here, that, for every body deposited in these vaults, the trustees of the church charged and received from $3 to $9. It is a grave question of doubt whether the trustees have a legal right to disturb the bodies at all, but they certainly have no right to perform the work in such an indecent, shameful and outrageous manner; nor are they justified in entering upon it without first giving notice, in the widest and most public manner, to the friends of the departed. In all removals of bodies that have hitherto been made, the utmost care has been taken to preserve the identity of each, and, when this was possible, each body was buried in a new resting-place by itself.

In consequence of the unfeeling and inhuman manner in which the work has been done, thus far, several persons interested made complaints to the City Inspector, late on Saturday afternoon, and asked that the license granted to the trustees to remove the bodies be revoked, or else that they be compelled to do their work in a proper way.

The City Inspector expressed himself astounded at the statements sworn to before him, and immediately summoned the Trustees to appear before him at 12 M. on Monday, (to-day,) to answer the charges. It is expected that the investigation will bring to light the most thrilling developments. Mr. CHAS. S. HALLOCK, undertaker, of No. 236 Eighth-avenue, was the sexton of the church during the whole time that burials were made there, and has in his possession a record of the name, age, date of burial, &c., of each person deposited in the vaults. The record is of great value to those wishing to identify their friends, and may enable them to rescue their remains from the fate ordained them by their money-saving servitors, the Trustees of the church.

Large Fire at Aspinwall.

By the arrival at this port yesterday of the brig *Costa Rica*, Capt. PEEL, from Aspinwall, we learn that on the night of Dec. 26, a fire broke out in the ship-chandlery store of Messrs. LANZAR & SEARNES, on Front-street, destroying some three blocks of buildings on Front-street. Among the buildings destroyed were the Panama Railroad Company's office, Howard House, St. Charles Hotel, Aspinwall House, and several other fine edifices. The loss is estimated at upward of $200,000. The steamer *America*, from New-York, was at Aspinwall with her passengers from New-York still on board. When the *Costa Rica* sailed (Dec. 30) the steamer on the Pacific side from San Francisco had not arrived. The steamship *Champion*, which left New-York Dec. 24, had not arrived at Aspinwall.

SKATING TO-DAY.—There was grand skating yesterday, and will be more to-day. The ice on the Washington Pond, in Brooklyn, and on the Fifth-avenue Pond, in this City, is simply superb. We presume every man, woman or child, who is fortunate enough to own or to have borrowed a pair of skates, will be up and at it to-day.

KINGS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT—Monday, Jan. 19.—Nos. 8, 26, 64, 68, 84, 88, 92, 98, 104, 1, 55, 60.

BROOKLYN CITY COURT—Jan. 19.—Nos. 65 to 76 inclusive.

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TRUSSES.—Dr. RIGGS' HARD RUBBER MULETIPLE DAL TRUSS invites the most searching criticism. This instrument and a Varicocele Truss may be seen at Dr. Riggs' Office, No. 2 Barclay-st., New-York.

The Palmer Arm and Leg.—B. FRANK PALMER, inventor and patentee, Astor-place, (ground floor) N. Y.; also Philadelphia and Boston. Only houses of Palmer & Co. Avoid imposition by calling on the inventor.

No Pathological Lecture or Experiments until TUESDAY EVENING, at Clinton Hall. A Class of Ladies and Gentlemen will be formed for instruction in this Science on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

MARRIED.

HEWITT—STOKES.—In this City, on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Christ Church, by Rev. F. C. Ewer, assisted by Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, JAMES D. HEWITT, M. D., to HANNAH ADELAIDE, daughter of the late Henry Stokes, all of this City.

SARAGENT—LYON.—In Shencatatuc, on Monday, Dec. 29, by Rev. Mr. Moyses, HERMANN A. SARAGENT, of St. Louis, to Miss VIRGINIA L. LYON. No cards.

DIED.

CHESEMAN.—Suddenly, on Friday, the 16th inst., WILLIAM MENEY CHESEMAN, aged 31 years.

The funeral will be held on Monday, 19th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., at the house of Mr. Henry Fairbairn, No. 36 Morton-st., Brooklyn, E. D. The friends of the deceased are invited to attend without further notice.

KELLY.—In this City, on Sunday, Jan. 18, ALVARO D. L. KELLY, son of Michael and Jane Kelly, aged 2 years, 1 month and 1 day.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his parents, No. 1 Columbia-place, Pitt-st., between Avenues C and D, on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 1½ o'clock.

PECK.—In this City, on Sunday, Jan. 18, ELISHA PECK, in the 68th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service, at his late residence, No. 16 East 16th-st., this (Monday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock. His remains will be removed to Hartford, Conn., for interment, on Tuesday morning.

ROGERS.—On Saturday morning, the 17th inst., CAMPBELL SELL, infant of the Rev. P. Shimeah Rogers, Jun.

The funeral services will take place on Monday next, the 19th inst., at Trinity Church, at 2½ o'clock P. M. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend at the Church without further notice.

THORNTON.—On Friday evening, Jan. 16, ADELINE, youngest daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Thornton, aged 4 years, 10 months and 4 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her parents, No. 60 Elizabeth-st., on Monday, Jan. 19, at 1 o'clock P. M.

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NOW YOU SEE IT.
No. 20 CEDAR-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 3, 1863.
To Mr. James M. Cross, No. 5 Bowling Green:
DEAR SIR: I beg leave to call your attention to an advertisement published in the New-York *Herald* of to-day, relative to a seizure of Bitters consigned to M. Cardova & Son, of Panama, on board of the steamship *Ariel*, by the Confederate privateer *Alabama*. I am desirous of knowing whether or not there was such a shipment on board of your vessel, and whether it was really mixed as represented. As I am a regular shipper of large quantities of goods by your line, I am deeply interested in knowing whether my goods will run such risks. I have now on hand several packages to ship, and I await your answer to guide me in my future action. Respectfully, yours,
D. S. MARVIN.

NOW YOU DON'T!
No. 5 BOWLING GREEN,
OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC R. R. LINE,
New-York, Jan. 5, 1863.
Mr. D. S. Marvin, No. 20 Cedar-st:
DEAR SIR: Yours of to-day's date is received, calling my attention to an advertisement in the New-York *Herald* relative to the seizure of Bitters consigned to M. Cardova & Son, of Panama, on board the steamship Ariel, by the Confederate privateer Alabama.
I presume you address me on the subject, instead of the agent of the Line, Mr. D. B. Allen, from the fact that, as Purveyor of the Line, I have made several purchases from you of Hostetter's Bitters, for bar stores of the steamer.
There were no goods of any kind on board the Ariel, December 4, consigned to M. Cordova & Son, Panama.
There were in the bar of the steamer several bottles of Hostetter's Bitters, and judging from the quantity sold, they are a favorite beverage among those who travel through tropical climates. The Ariel's cargo was not disturbed by the Confederates, with the exception of one or two cases of boots and shoes, which were minus only a few pairs. From these facts, you and the public can judge whether the advertisement referred to is a fabrication or not.
Very respectfully,
JAMES M. CROSS.

AN EXTRAORDINARY LETTER FROM CAPT. SEMMES, OF THE PRIVATEER ALABAMA.
The passengers on board the unfortunate *Ariel* unite in testifying to the great politeness, chivalry and urbanity of Capt. Semmes while his prisoners of war; but the following letter which he dispatched to this City is the most remarkable evidence of his versatility, humor and politeness yet published:
CONFEDERATE STEAMER ALABAMA, Dec. 5, 1862.
Messrs. P. H. Drake & Co., New-York:
GENTLEMEN: I regret to inform you that the twelve cases of Plantation Bitters found on board the Ariel, consigned to M. Cardova & Son, Panama, will not be likely to reach their destination, having been transferred to my vessel. Having procured one case while at the Island of Martinique, its beneficial effects in my hospital room and in curing the scurvy, was such as to render it too desirable an acquisition to pass, particularly as it was evidently intended for the South from the same Plantation. Rest assured, Gents, I trust you will not fail to freight each vessel likely to cross my path, with the Plantation Bitters, and I will guarantee to place a case in the hands of President Davis before the 4th of March.
I have the honor to remain, respectfully, yours,
RAPHAEL SEMMES.
The undersigned are exceedingly obliged to the gallant Captain for such a capital advertisement, and will assure him that, should he happen to visit Fort Lafayette, we will endeavor to reciprocate his politeness with cases of S. T.—1863—X., warranted to cure the comet.
The above is but a sample of the miscellaneous and whitewashed fame of the Plantation Bitters. No article before ever performed so many cures, or gave such perfect satisfaction. They are just the thing for the weak, debilitated and careworn of all ages and conditions of life, acting as a gentle stimulant and through tonic.
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Real Estate unincumbered	$67,022 12
Cash on hand, in bank, in transit, &c	274,008 62
Railroad Bonds at market values	170,440 00
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United States Securities at market value	479,371 75
Railroad Stocks at market value	113,445 00
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Bank Stocks—Hartford, New-York, &c	224,637 00
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THE YEAR OF JUBILEE!—THE SECOND EVENING, Jan. 20, 1863. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. J. R. W. Sloane, Theodore Tilton, Esq., T. Morris Chester, Esq., and Rev. Henry Highland Garnet. The meeting will be enlivened with music by the Colored Brass Band of Morristown, N. J., consisting of 13 pieces. Mr. David Huff, leader. John Peterson, Esq., will preside. Tickets 15 cents. Doors open at 6; exercises to commence at 7½ o'clock.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THE DANGER for wearing second-hand clothing, read MEDICAL COMMON SENSE, a curious book for curious people, and a good book for every one. Contents tables free of the principal impostor doctors, at E. WARNER'S, No. 1 Tenth-st., or of the author, Dr. R. R. FOOTE, No. 1,138 Broadway, New-York.

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A CARD.
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Messrs. Seth W. Fowle & Co:
GENTLEMEN: This certifies that my wife has used DR. WISTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY for diseases of the lungs, with the most satisfactory results.
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FEMALES.

AS CHAMBERMAID.—WANTED, A SITUATION by a respectable English girl, as chambermaid; willing to make herself generally useful; has no objection to go to the country. Apply at No. 119 West 13th-st., for two days.

AS CHAMBERMAID, &c.—A COMPETENT young woman wants a situation; as chambermaid and waiting on ladies; understands her business; has the best of City references. Call for two days, at No. 19 Union-court, University-place, between 11th and 12th sts.

AS CHAMBERMAID, &c.—WANTED, A SITUATION by a highly respectable girl as chambermaid and waiting on ladies; understands her business; has the best of references given. Call at No. 64 West 34th-st., first floor, front room, for 3 days.

AS CHAMBERMAID, &c.—WANTED, A SITUATION by a respectable young girl, as chambermaid and to do plain sewing, or to assist in washing and ironing; no objection to the country; the best of references can be seen for two days at No. 38 53-st., between 10th and 11th-sts.

AS CHAMBERMAID AND WAITRESS.—A respectable girl wanted by a respectable young girl, to do chambermaid work and waiting; or to do housework in a small family; is willing to make herself generally useful; has been City reference. Apply at No. 222 7th-av., between 25th and 26th sts.

AS COOK.—WANTED, BY A COMPETENT lady woman, with excellent City references, a situation to cook; understands the business in all its branches—pastry, soups, jellies, sauces and entrees; understands French and American style of cooking; does the same washing. Terms, $10 per month. No objection to a respectable boarding-house. Call at No. 163 East 21st-st., for two days.

AS COOK.—AN ACTIVE, ECONOMIZING WOMAN wants a place as first-class cook; understands her business in all its branches, besides pastry and baking; is willing to assist in the washing; has the best of City references. Call for two days at No. 13 Union-court, University-place, between 11th and 12th sts.

AS COOK.—A RESPECTABLE GIRL WISHES a situation in a private family as first-rate cook; and to do her work alone; is a good plain cooking. Can give the best of City references; where she has lived five years. Can be seen for two days at No. 364 7th-av., between 32d and 33d sts.

AS FIRST-CLASS COOK.—WANTED, A SITUATION by a clean cook, either in a boarding-house, hotel, or restaurant; will be found to be a most excellent cook; understands thoroughly understands cooking in all its branches. Apply, or address Mr. HENDERSON, No. 9 Court-st., Brooklyn.

AS FIRST-CLASS COOK.—A PROTESTANT woman of character as first-class cook in a private family; has the best testimonials as to character and capability; has lived eight years in one place. Applicant two days at No. 119 West 24th-st., second floor, near 7th-av.

AS COOK—CHAMBERMAID, &c.—WANTED, situations by two respectable girls—one as a first-rate cook; the other as chambermaid and waitress, and willing to assist in the washing and ironing; no objection to the country; the best of references can be given. Apply at No. 312 Mott-st., between 7th and 8th sts., for two days.

AS COOK OR LAUNDRESS.—WANTED, BY a thoroughly middle-aged girl, a situation as plain cook or laundress in a small private family; has the best City references; no objection to the country; can be seen for two days at No. 77 West 28th-st., between 6th and 7th ave.

AS COOK OR GENERAL SERVANT.—Wanted, a situation, by a smart, capable girl, to do cooking, washing and ironing, or general housework; is an obliging, trusty servant; is a excellent washer and ironer and good plain cook; respectful, economical and neat; can be highly recommended; wages moderate; either City or country. Call at No. 121 Atlantic-st., near Henry, Brooklyn.

AS COOK, WASHER AND IRONER.—Wanted, a situation by a very experienced and trustworthy girl as cook and laundress in a gentleman's family; has lived out many years in first-rate families; no cards or refers. and will be found a neat and thoroughly competent servant. Apply to Mr. CHRISTOPHER, No. 20 Tillary-st., Brooklyn.

AS COOK, WASHER AND IRONER, OR GENERAL HOUSEMAID.—A situation wanted by a respectable woman, who is competent for her duties, as cook, washer and ironer, or as general servant; is a good cook, first-rate baker and excellent washer and ironer; no objection to go to the country; has good references. Call at No. 206 6th-av.

AS COOK, WASHER AND IRONER.—A neat, tidy young girl wishes a situation in a respectable family as good plain cook, washer and ironer. Can be seen for five days at No. 122 West 30th-st., second story, front room, between 7th and 8th ave.

AS DRESSMAKER.—A DRESSMAKER WISHES to work out by the day or week, who can cut and fit ladies' and children's dresses; good reference. Call at No. 94 West 24th-st.

AS GENERAL HOUSEWORK SERVANT.—Situation wanted by a respectable, hardworking girl; is a general housework; is of neat appearance and willing; not afraid of work; has been used to wash and iron well; refers to the last place she has lived; will hire at moderate wages. Apply to Mr. CHRISTOPHER, No. 20 Tillary-st., Brooklyn.

AS LADY'S MAID AND NURSE.—AN active young woman wants a place as lady's maid and nurse; understands hair-dressing perfect, and can take charge of a baby from its birth; would travel with a family; has best city references. Call for two days at No. 13 Union-court, University-pl., bet. 11th and 12th sts.

AS LAUNDRESS.—WANTED, BY A PROTESTANT East English woman, a situation as laundress; understands her business; has excellent City references; no objection to the country. Can be seen for two days at the Protestant Employment Agency, No. 126 4th-av., between 13th and 14th sts.

AS NURSE.—WANTED, A SITUATION BY A respectable young woman, as nurse, who fully understands the care of a baby; can do plain sewing; or would be willing to wash for the baby; is willing and obliging; a home more of an object than wages; has the best of City reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 214 East 21st-st., near 1st-av.

AS NURSE.—SITUATION WANTED BY A RESpectable woman, as nurse, who has had 14 years' experience, and can take the entire charge of a child from its birth; is handy and obliging in sickness, and has the best of City references. Can be seen for two days at No. 207½ Broadway.

AS NURSE OR CHAMBERMAID.—WANTED, a situation as nurse and chambermaid, or as chambermaid, by a respectable Protestant girl; has excellent City references. Apply at No. 117 West 26th-st.

AS NURSE AND SEAMSTRESS.—WANTED, by a competent city woman, with excellent City references, a situation as nurse and seamstress; makes shirts; all styles of family sewing; quick at the needle; makes children's clothes; trims in style. Will take $7 a month; the week. Call at No. 102 East 21st-st.

AS NURSE AND SEAMSTRESS.—WANTED, by a Protestant young woman, a situation as nurse and seamstress; perfectly understands her business; has good City references; no objection to the country. Can be seen for two days at the Protestant Employment Agency, No. 126 4th-av., between 13th and 14th sts.

AS SEAMSTRESS OR LADY'S MAID.—A competent person wishes to obtain a situation as seamstress or lady's maid. Would take care of grown children. Can cut and fit ladies' dresses and children's clothes. Best City reference. Call at 162 West 35th-st.

WANTED.—A LADY DESIRES A SITUATION for a Dutch Protestant person; has lived with her many years; can speak English and German; as companion and to take charge of children; best of City reference. Apply at No. 162 36-av., between 16th and 17th sts., for two days.

GIRLS WANTED IMMEDIATELY.—TO Call respectable and well recommended girls for city and country; and in every capacity of domestic work, of all nations and professions, will notice that they can be well suited with good situations in city and country. Also, a lady manager, by applying immediately at the Select Female Intelligence Office, No. 111 Bleecker-st., between 2d and 4th ave. Girls will please notice that no pains will be spared in providing good situations for them according to their capability, and will meet with every respect due to them in this office; three smart German girls wanted immediately. A lady in attendance.

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MALES.

AS COACHMAN.—WANTED, A SITUATION AS coachman, by a respectable, Protestant man, in a private family; knows the care of horses, and can drive; no objection to the country. Call at or address No. 40 East 19th-st., near 5th-av., basement door.

AS COACHMAN.—A GENTLEMAN IS DESIROUS of procuring a situation for his coachman. He is sober, civil, and can be trusted implicitly. Any gentleman or lady in want of a trustworthy young man will do well to call on the subscriber, at Amerling's, No. 6 East 13th-st., between 5th and 6th ave.

AS COACHMAN.—SITUATION WANTED FOR an Englishman as coachman, who thoroughly understands his business. Address PHILIP SPETER & CO., 79 Broadway.

AS COACHMAN AND GROOM.—WANTED, a situation, as coachman and groom, by a temperate man; who thoroughly understands his business; is a good driver; such a man who can milk a cow; will make himself generally useful; recommends for the Winter. Address O. W., Box No. 816 Times Office.

AS WARM HAND.—WANTED, A SITUATION on a farm, by a young American, who understands general farming. Address, on Monday and Tuesday YOUNG FARMER, Box 203 Times Office.

AS GARDENER.—WANTED, A SITUATION by a respectable married man, without family, as practical gardener; understands the care of greenhouses and grapery, the laying out of grounds, and can take charge of any gentleman's place. Address N. E., Box No. 204 Times Office, for three days. The best of references.

AS USEFUL MAN.—WANTED BY SINGLE MAN a place; is a competent man; milks of horses and drives, and milk cows. Call or address for two days at No. 23 5th-st., in the rear, third floor; good references.

HARDWARE.—WANTED, A SITUATION AS salesman, or buyer, by a man of several years' experience in the City, and could influence a good deal of trade. Address E. B., Box No. 2,300 Post-office.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

MALES.

AS GARDENER AND WARRENER.—WANTED, a situation by a respectable married man, without family, as practical gardener and farmer; understands the care of greenhouses, grapery and cold grapery; is a first-rate hand at raising; has wife to do dairying and make milk and butter. The best of reference. Address A. B., Box No. 209 Times Office, for three days.

AS GROOM AND COACHMAN.—WANTED, A situation of groom and coachman by a respectable man, of long experience in the care of valuable horses; is a good and careful driver and can be highly recommended. Address P. HENRY, at Mr. Lowden's stable, No. 19 Bleecker-st., or Box No. 216 Times Office.

AS LIGHT PORTER.—WANTED BY A RESpectable young man, 21 years of age, a situation in light porter, or a place of trust; is a faithful, industrious driver. Address J. W., Box No. 214 Times Office.

AS VALET—TO A GENTLEMAN TRAVELING to any part by a young man brought up for the medical profession, or as companion to an invalid gentleman. Testimonials, &c. Address T., Box 180 Times office.

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BY MAN AND WIFE.—A RESPECTABLE man and his wife are desirous of meeting with a situation in the country, where they can have a small cottage to themselves; the man is a good farmer, and is willing to make himself generally useful; the woman can milk, make butter, &c. Apply at No. 126 East 25th-st., corner of 2d-av.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, No. 32 CHAMBERS-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 16, 1863.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ASSESSMENT ROLLS of the REAL and PERSONAL ESTATE of the City and County of New-York, for the year 1863, will be open for inspection and Review from and after MONDAY, Jan. 12, 1863, and will remain open till the 30th day of April, 1863, for the correction of errors and the equalization of the assessments of the aforesaid Real and Personal Estate of the City and County of New-York. All persons believing themselves to be aggrieved must make application to the Commissioners during the period aforementioned, in order to obtain the relief provided by law. The Act of 1859 provides that "During the time the books shall be open to public inspection, as herein-before provided, any person or persons claiming by any person considering himself aggrieved by the assessed valuation of his real or personal estate, to have the same corrected, if such application be made in relation to the assessed valuation of real estate, it must be made in writing, stating the ground of objection thereto, and thereupon the Commissioners shall examine into the complaint, and if, in their judgment, the assessment is erroneous, they shall cause the same to be corrected. If such application be made in relation to the assessed valuation of personal estate, the applicant shall be examined under oath by the said Commissioners, who shall be authorized to administer such oath, or any of them; and if, in his or their judgment, the assessment is erroneous, they shall cause the same to be corrected, and fix the amount of such assessment as they may believe to be just, and declare their decision thereon within thirty days after such application shall have been made to them. No reduction shall be made by the Board of Supervisors of any assessment on real and personal estate imposed under this act, unless it shall appear, under oath or affirmation, that the party aggrieved was unable to attend within the period prescribed for the correction of Taxes, by reason of sickness or absence from the City.

A. J. WILLIAMSON, J. W. ALLEN, J. W. BROWN, } Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICE CROTON AQUEDUCT DEPARTMENT, NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1863.

PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF VAULTS.—Public notice is hereby given that permits for the construction of vaults will be granted by this Board from and after this date, and until further notice, at the following rates, viz.:

For vaults to be constructed in front of buildings intended for or used exclusively as dwellings, thirty (30) cents per superficial foot.

For vaults to be constructed in front of buildings intended for or used exclusively for business purposes, seventy-five (75) cents per superficial foot.

For vaults to be constructed in front of buildings intended for or used exclusively for business purposes, seventy-five (75) cents per superficial foot.

All excavations below the surface of the street, whether covered or open, are considered as vaults within the meaning of the ordinance.

The measurement to be paid for is the space to be occupied by the vault (including the walls) outside the building line. No vault can extend beyond the line of the curbstone, nor be commenced before a permit is obtained, under the penalties specified in the ordinance relative to the construction of Vaults.

THOMAS STEVENS, ROBERT L. DARRAGH, A. W. CRAVEN, Croton Aqueduct Board.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands, affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed, and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.: Sewer in Downing-street, from the west line of Washington Street to a point one hundred and four feet south of Hammond-street to Little Twelfth-street, both sides of Hammond, Bank, Bethune, West Twelfth, Jane, Horatio and Gansevoort streets, from West-street to Washington-street, and both sides of Gansevoort-street, from West-street to a point one hundred and twenty-five feet west; both sides of Cortlandt-street, between Greenwich and West streets, and both sides of West-street, between Liberty and the north side of Cortlandt-street.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing, to one of the undersigned, at their office, No. 32 Chambers-street, basement New Court-house, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

CHAS. McNEILL, JACOB F. OAKLEY, WM. A. DOOLEY, } Board of Assessors. OFFICE, BOARD OF ASSESSORS, NEW COURT-HOUSE, Jan. 13, 1863.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands, affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.: For laying crosswalks at intersection of Broadway and Fifty-fifth, Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh streets; also laying crosswalks at intersection of One Hundred and Twenty-second-street and Avenue A, First and Second avenues. The limits embraced by such assessment include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, situated on both sides of Broadway, between Fifty-fourth and Fifty-eighth streets; both sides of Fifty-fifth, Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh streets, from a point half-way between Broadway and Seventh-avenue, to a point half-way between Broadway and Eighth-avenue, both sides of Avenue A, First and Second avenues, from a point half-way between Second and One Hundred and Twenty-second-street and the street lying on either side thereof.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing, to one of the undersigned, at their office, No. 32 Chambers-street, basement New Court-house, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

CHAS. McNEILL, JACOB F. OAKLEY, WM. A. DOOLEY, } Board of Assessors. OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS, NEW COURT-HOUSE, Jan. 6, 1863.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.: For laying crosswalks at Ninth-avenue, between Fifty-third and Sixty-third streets. The limits embraced by such assessment include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, situated on both sides of Ninth-avenue, from Fifty-third to Sixty-fourth streets, and both sides of the intersecting streets, between Fifty-third and Sixty-fourth streets, from and at points distant half-way between the avenues and streets lying on either side of and immediately contiguous to said Ninth-avenue.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing, to one of the undersigned, at their office, number thirty-two Chambers-street, basement New Court-house, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

CHAS. McNEILL, JACOB F. OAKLEY, WM. A. DOOLEY, } Board of Assessors. OFFICE, BOARD OF ASSESSORS, NEW COURT-HOUSE, Jan. 10, 1863.

THE COMMISSIONER OF SEWERS OF THE Board of Aldermen will meet every WEDNESDAY at 3 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 6, City Hall. Parties interested in any matter before the Commissioner will have an opportunity of being heard.

IRA A. ALLEN, C. C. JEREMIAH, Committee on Sewers.

THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT of the Board of Aldermen will meet every SATURDAY, at 3 o'clock, in the City Hall, Room, by Bell.

ALEX. SHAW, WM. H. WALLACE, Committee on Fire Department.

PROPOSALS.

ARMY SUPPLIES.

OFFICE OF ARMY CLOTHING AND EQUIPAGE, No. 205 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 15, 1863.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M., on WEDNESDAY, the 21st inst., for furnishing, by contract, to the depot of Army Clothing and Equipage in this City,

Wall Tents and Flies.
Hospital Tents and Flies.
Common Tents.
Wall Tent Poles and Pins.
Hospital Tent Poles and Pins.
Common Tent Poles and Pins.

To conform in all respects to the specifications in this office, and to be subject to inspection by sworn inspectors. Bidders will state how many they wish to furnish, and the shortest possible time in which certain portions of the number bid for can be delivered. A proper guarantee must accompany the proposals.

The privilege of rejecting any portion or the whole of the bids, as may be deemed for the interests of the public service, is reserved by the United States.

Proposals should be indorsed "Proposals for furnishing Tents," and addressed to

Lieut.-Col. D. H. VINTON, D. Q. M. General.

FINANCIAL.

STATE OF NEW-YORK, TRANSFER OFFICE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, New-York, 6th January, 1863.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST REMAINING UNCLAIMED on New-York State Stock, prior to the December, 1862, published agreeably to the direction of the Commissioners of the Canal Fund, of 22 January, 1862.

J. C. HARRISON, Cashier.

Year.	Quarter.	Name of Stock.	Amount of Stock.	Amount Interest Unpaid.
1817	July	Jos. Blackwell, Bankrupt	600 00	$10 50
		Robt. & Jas. Rose, Exrs of R. North	2,000 00	35 00
	Oct.	Elizabeth Mulligan	300 00	5 25
1819	Jan.	Same	200 00	3 50
	April	Saml. Hunntington	100 00	1 50
		Elizabeth Mulligan	150 00	1 50
1829	July	Jos. Fairlie, Clerk Supreme Court, New-York	728 00	10 92
		Abraham O. Stanbury, Unknown	2,000 00	30 00
1830	April	William Harrison	70 00	1 20
1833	Jan.	Wm. Thompson, Jr.	22,000 00	671 40
	April	Jas. Milnor	1,000 00	15 00
		Jas. C. Buckner	100 00	1 25
		Wm. Thompson, Jr.	24,000 00	600 00
	July	Same	24,000 00	600 00
1834	Jan.	Thos. S. Bailey	400 00	5 00
		Same	400 00	5 00
		Same	300 00	3 75
1835	Jan.	Ira Mosely	700 00	8 75
	April	Elisha Sikes	8,700 00	50 50
	Oct.	Phebe Ann Willis	1,500 00	22 50
1836	Jan.	Abraham O. Stanbury	2,000 00	35 44
	April	Wm. G. Buckner	774 81	9 68
1837	Oct.	Adam Gerrie	1,000 00	37 50
1839	April	J. J. & S. Joseph & Co.	1,000 00	12 50
		Samuel Ludlow	400 00	5 00
		Virginia La Tour	400 00	5 00
1840	April	Samuel Miller	2,000 00	30 00
		Henry Pope	200 00	3 00
		Same	2,400 00	30 00
		Same	200 00	2 50
	July	Same	200 00	2 50
		Same	2,400 00	30 00
		Same	200 00	2 50
	Oct.	Francisco Alcalde Hernandez, Adm'r	49,000 00	612 50
		Same	10,000 00	125 00
		Same	800 00	10 00
1837	April	Garret Williamson	750 00	14 40
		John Warren	200 00	2 50
		Sally St. John	200 00	4 50
	Oct.	Thomas Waller	2,200 00	17 17
		Henry Swift	300 00	3 00
		Nicholas Joel Gouverneur	415 79	9 04
1838	Jan.	Henry Swell	300 00	4 75
	April	James Cunningham	2,500 00	31 75
		Rev. Henry Venn	2,955 00	37 44
		Thomas Tompkins	2,000 00	25 00
1839	Jan.	John J. Blauvelt	1,333 05	16 35
1840	July	Nelson D. Phillips	750 00	9 75
1841	Oct.	Newbar August	1,000 00	15 00
1843	April	Thomas Harrison, in trust	700 00	12 25
		Alfred Smith	18,000 00	175 00
		Mrs. Ursula VanRader	600 00	6 25
	July	Thomas Gilbert	1,000 00	12 50
	Oct.	Same	1,000 00	12 50
1844	Jan.	Same	1,000 00	12 50
1845	April	Henry Barclay, Trustee	6,200 00	142 60
		Same	8,500 00	106 25
		Same	1,000 00	12 50
	Oct.	James F. Miller	700 00	12 25
1846	Jan.	John Wells	200 00	2 50
	April	Julia De Forest	600 00	10 50
		J. W. Hughes, Exr	1,000 00	17 50
		Catharine Smart	1,000 00	12 50
		John Wells	200 00	2 50
1848	Jan.	Sylvanus Bedell	600 00	7 50
	July	Phebe Davis	500 00	5 75
	Oct.	James McCabe	1,000 00	12 50
		Peter Hanley	1,000 00	12 50
1849	Jan.	George Dubois	1,000 00	12 50
		Antoine Kynast	1,000 00	12 50
	April	S. B. Holmes	2,500 00	31 25
		Henry Onderdonk, Jr.	200 00	2 50
	July	Same	200 00	2 50
	Oct.	D. W. Tomlinson, Pres't (Int. from 23d Sept. 1849)	12,000 00	12 16
1851	July	Charles J. Primavisi, Jr.	1,000 00	62 50
	Oct.	Same	1,000 00	62 50
1852	Jan.	Same	1,000 00	62 50
	April	J. S. de Beaulieu	4,200 00	52 50
		Charles J. Primavisi, Jr.	4,000 00	62 50
	July	Same	1,000 00	62 50
	Oct.	Charles K. Graham	700 00	8 75
1853	April	C. A. Smith, widow	2,500 00	37 50
		J. R. Suydam	1,000 00	15 00
	July	F. M. Butler, in trust	200 00	2 50
1854	April	Sarah Gallatin and August Devinne	8,000 00	120 00
		F. M. Butler, in trust	200 00	2 50
	Oct.	Same	200 00	2 50
1855	Jan.	Peter C. Butler	700 00	8 75
	Oct.	J. H. Cameron and W. S. Masters, in trust	400 00	6 12
		Scott G. Hewlson	1,324 00	16 55
		Same	3,546 00	41 35
		Same	400 00	5 00
		Sarah G. Hewlson, D. B. Tuckey, in trust	400 00	5 84
		E. A. A. Fowle	400 00	5 00
1856	April	James Potter, in trust	4,000 00	60 00
		James Potter, E. S. Hamilton and others, in trust	4,000 00	60 00
1857	April	William Shonebank	2,325 00	36 31
		Betsey Wooley	250 00	11 46
	July	Same	200 00	11 25
	Oct.	Sup't B'ng Dep't Sta. N. Y., in trust for Ontario County Bank	1,000 00	12 50
		Same	20,000 00	275 00
		Rebecca Hewlett	1,000 00	12 50
1858	Jan.	Mary Lownds	700 00	10 50
		A. G. Milne and D. Milne, in trust	100 00	1 25
	April	George Hewlett, A. G. Milne and D. Milne, in trust	1,000 00	12 50
		Prime & Co. New-York	1,000 00	12 50
	July	Alida Loopuyt Unknown	5,000 00	62 50
		Same	5,000 00	62 50
		W. C. Sill, Trustee	2,500 00	30 00
	Oct.	Wm. H. St. John	3,000 00	37 50
1859	April	Theophile Ferrier Levayer	2,700 00	20 79
		Eveline R. Roeder-er, wife Levayer	4,300 00	53 75
	July	Aaron Gouldsborough	500 00	7 50
		Jas. Potter E. S. Hamilton and others, in trust	4,000 00	60 00
	Oct.	R. C. Martin Albany	100 00	1 25
		Eveline R. Roeder-er, wife Levayer Unknown	4,300 00	53 75
		Oliver P. Woodford N. Y.	500 00	7 50
1860	April	M'g't Cheesbrough N. Y.	500 00	7 50
		Same	14,500 00	217 50
		David A. Demarest N. J.	5,000 00	75 00
		Jas. Potter and Field and others, in trust Unknown	4,000 00	60 00
	July	Same	4,000 00	60 00
		Supt. Ins. Dept. St. N. Y., in trust for Hon. I. Ins. Co. Albany	1,000 00	12 50
1861	Jan.	Joshua Hendricks N. Y.	500 00	7 50
		George Wardner Unknown	700 00	10 50
	April	Auditor State of Illinois, in trust for Famet Bank Illinois	2,000 00	30 00
		Peter Richards, Jr.		
		Hon. I. Ins. Co. Unknown	4,000 00	70 00
		James C. Sneider	2,000 00	30 00
		George Wardner	700 00	10 50
	July	Elizabeth Smith	5,000 00	75 00
	Oct.	Miss Charlotte Austin	1,500 00	22 50
		George Wardner	700 00	10 50
		C. W. Patterson, Jr.	5,000 00	37 50
		Elizabeth Smith	5,000 00	75 00
		George Wardner	700 00	10 50

STATE OF NEW-YORK.—BANK DEPARTMENT, ALBANY, Nov. 15, 1862.—The time fixed by law for the redemption of the circulating notes issued by the EIGHTH-AVENUE BANK having expired, notice is hereby given that a Final Dividend of Ten (10) per cent. of 1858, thus a Said Dividend at One (1) Per Cent. has been declared upon the original amount of notes deposited (as represented by the certificates issued by the Superintendent of Banks) for the redemption of said Bank, payable on presentation of the said certificates, properly indorsed, at the Department, within six months from the date hereof, and not thereafter.

(412-1awfow) H. H. VAN DYCK, Superintendent.

UNITED STATES TRUST COMPANY OF NEW-YORK, No. 46 WALL, CORNER OF WILLIAM-ST., Jan. 6, 1863.

TO HOLDERS OF JEFFERSONVILLE RAILROAD FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS.—Public notice is hereby given, in accordance with the terms of an agreement between the Jeffersonville Railroad Company and the holders of its First Mortgage Bonds, dated April 14, 1852, that the United States Trust Company of New-York will, upon presentation, at its office, No. 46 Wall-st., redeem at par and accrued interest, fifteen of said Jeffersonville Railroad Company's First Mortgage Bonds, numbered from 149 to 159 inclusive; and that from and after the 6th day of February, 1863, interest on said bonds will cease by the terms of said agreement.

JOHN A. STEWART, Secretary.

BROADWAY INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 5, 1863.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company, for the ensuing year, will be held at the Office, No. 433 Broadway, on MONDAY, Jan. 12. Poll will open at 10 and close at 1 o'clock P. M.

JOHN WRAY, Secretary.

IRVING BANK—NEW-YORK, JAN. 12, 1863.—The annual election for Directors of this Bank, and for three inspectors of the next election, will be held at the Bank on MONDAY, the 26 day of February. The polls will be open from 12 M. to 1 P. M. By order,

DANIEL V. M. BENTHOLF, Cashier.

BOOKS FOR THE TRANSFER OF BOTH classes of the Stock of the Chicago and Alton Railroad Co. will be opened at Room No. 3, No. 20 William-st., on MONDAY next, the 19th inst.

H. F. TAINTOR, Transfer Agent.

NEW-YORK, 14th January, 1863.

SHINPLASTERS.—CORPORATION NOTES, of all denominations, bought at a small discount, by MATSON & ROBINSON, Brokers, No. 163 Fulton-st., opposite St. Paul's Church. The highest price paid for specie.

STOCKS, BONDS, GOLD AND GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, Bought and sold at Board of Brokers, By A. G. SEMMWAY & CO. No. 60 Exchange-place.

BROOKLYN CENTRAL AND JAMAICA Railroad Company Bonds, due Nov. 16, 1863, will be redeemed at 102 per cent., and accrued interest, on presentation at the office of A. G. JEROME & CO., No. 20 Exchange-place.

FINANCIAL.

D. R. SEAMAN (FOR THE LAST 16 YEARS with Adrian H. Muller, Esq.) would inform his friends and the public that he has commenced business on his own account and private value of gold coins, Uncurrent and Bank stocks, &c., on favorable terms. Also, to the sale, or hire of horses and stores, collection of rents, and negotiation of loans on mortgage. Securities also bought and sold at the Brokers' Board.

REFERENCES:

Hon. Wm. V. Brady, Hon. Clarkson Crolius, Adrian H. Muller, Esq., David Scannell, Esq., Messrs. Wm. C. Gilman & Bro., Messrs. Wm. & J. O'Brien.

D. R. SEAMAN, Auctioneer, (Late with A. H. Muller,) No. 10 Wall-st.

FIRST CLASS INSURANCE STOCKS Wanted by

D. R. SEAMAN, Auctioneer, (Late with Adrian H. Muller,) No. 10 Wall-st.

FOR SALE.

Sacramento Valley to per cent. First Mortgage Bonds. San Francisco City and County 8 per cent. Bonds, both payable semi-annually, and in coin.

Sacramento, Placer and Nevada 12 per cent. First Mortgage Bonds, interest payable semi-annually in this City. Apply to GEO. T. M. DAVIS, Jan. 5, 1863. No. 41 Exchange-place.

WANTED.

BREVOORT FIRE INSURANCE CO. STOCK. COMMERCE FIRE INSURANCE CO. STOCK. MERCANTILE MUTUAL INSURANCE CO. STOCK. HOME FIRE INSURANCE CO. STOCK. AMERICAN COAL COMPANY. SAN FRANCISCO CITY SIX PER CENT. BONDS. By ALBERT H. NICOLAY, No. 52 William-st.

EDWARD KING, (Late of the firm of JAMES G. KING'S SONS,) Offers his services as the Board of Brokers for the purchase or sale of STOCKS, BONDS AND GOVERNMENT SECURITIES. No. 52 Wall-st.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO., NO. 59 WALL-ST., ISSUE COMMERCIAL CREDITS AVAILABLE IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AND ABROAD.

$80,000. TO LOAN AT SIX PER CENT., On first-class City or County productive property for a term of years. Apply to E. C. EMBREE, No. 37 Wall-st.

WANTED, CITIZEN'S GAS LIGHT COMPANY STOCK, By ALBERT H. NICOLAY, No. 52 William-st.

OFFICE OF THE BREVOORT INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 70 Wall-st., New-York, Jan. 14, 1863.—At the annual election for Directors of this Company, held this day, the following gentlemen, constituting the third class, were elected for three years:

M. B. SPAULDING,	J. M. TOBIN,
GEO. W. POWERS,	BENJAMIN W. FLOYD,
EDEN V. HAUGHWOUT,	OLIVER BRYAN,
ABEL E. FOSTER,	JOHN MORRELL,
DANIEL L. ROSS,	EDWARD A. BIBBY,
FRED. C. OAKLEY,	ALFRED F. ARNOLD,
F. J. HOSFORD,	JOSEPH F. SANXAY.

And at subsequent meeting of the Board JAMES C. HARRIOTT, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President.

JOHN G. HAVILLAND, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE TOLEDO AND WABASH RAILWAY COMPANY, No. 52 Broadway, New-York, Jan. 15, 1863.—TO THE HOLDERS OF THE BONDS OF the Toledo and Illinois, and Lake Erie, Wabash and St. Louis Railroad Companies, commonly known as the First Mortgage Bonds of the Toledo and Wabash Railway Company.—Notice is hereby given that the Toledo and Wabash Railway Company will extend until Aug. 1, 1863, the payment of the principal of so many of the above named bonds as shall be presented at this office between the 1st day of February and the 1st day of May next, for the purpose of having the agreement for the extension thereof thereon endorsed, according to the form hereinafter attached. By order of the Board of Directors.

A. BOODY, President.

FOR SALE—AT THE LOWEST MARKET PRICE.

U. S. — 1842 6 per cent. Bonds. 1871 5 per cent. Bonds. 1867 5 per cent. Bonds. 5-20 6 per cent. Bonds. 7-30 6 per cent. Treasury Notes. 1 year 6 per cent. Certificates, Demand Notes, for sale.

AMERICAN GOLD, BY LIVERMORE, CLEWS & CO., BANKERS, No. 8 Wall-st. Stocks and Bonds bought and sold on Commission.

THE MICHIGAN SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN INDIANA RAILROAD COMPANY, OFFICE NO. 14 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1863.

HOLDERS OF THE ERIE AND KALAMAZOO Railroad Bonds, which fell due on the 1st day of March last, are requested to present them at this office without delay for the payment of the principal and accrued interest of said Bonds.

No payment of interest will be made on any of said Bonds outstanding after March 1, prexiuo, that shall have accrued after that date.

HENRY KEEP, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE GROCERS' FIRE INSURANCE CO., No. 46 Wall-st., NEW-YORK, Jan. 17, 1863.

AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this Company, for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the Company, on MONDAY, Feb. 2, 1863. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

JAMES G. PLATT, Secretary.

VETERANS OF 1812.—ALL PERSONS, MALE

MEDICAL.

IMPORTANT REMEDIES! IGNORANCE EXPOSED! FALLACIES UNMASKED! VERY IMPORTANT TO BOTH SEXES.—Dr. FARNSWORTH, Graduate of New-York Medical College and Hospital, formerly of Paris, Author of "Secrets of Nature," "Sexual Debility, Dyspepsia, Nervous Diseases, Impotence, Sterility, Consumption, Epilepsy, Fits, Mental Aberration, Impotency, Sterility, Gonorrhoea, Gleet, Strictures, Seminal Weakness, Venereal Diseases, Syphilis, Gravel, Diseases of the Urinary Organs, Secret Diseases, Diseases of the Skin, Blood Diseases, Diseases of the Throat and Nose, Rheumatism, Liver Complaint, Dropsy, Dyspepsia, Nervous Debility, Diseases of the Heart, Lungs, Kidneys, Gravel, Dropsy, Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Rheumatism

IMPORTANT REBEL DOCUMENTS.

An Inside View of the Affairs of the Rebel Government.

Correspondence Intercepted by Our Blockaders off Charleston.

We published, yesterday, eight volumes of intercepted rebel correspondence, comprising dispatches from the heads of the rebel departments at Richmond, to the agents of the rebel Government abroad—some of them of the most important character. We republish some of these documents below, in order that they may have a more extended circulation.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

MR. BENJAMIN TO MR. SLIDELL.

[No. 1.] Confederate States of America, Department of State, Richmond, Oct. 17, 1862.

Brief since my No. 6, of 28th ultimo, of which duplicate is herewith forwarded, some circumstances of a very remarkable character have come to the knowledge of the President, to which your earnest attention is invited.

On the 7th instant the President received from Gov. Lubbock, of Texas, a letter, of which a copy is herewith marked A, with inclosures Nos. 1 and 2.

The very singular nature of this correspondence, satisfied, as you will perceive, by Mr. B. Thouvenel, French Consular Agent, and Spanish Vice-Consul at Galveston, naturally excited a lively interest, but we had not yet arrived at any satisfactory conclusion as to the real purpose, nature, and extent of the intrigue on foot, when, on the 15th instant, the President received from Hon. W. S. Oldham, Senator from Texas, a letter, of which a copy, marked B, is herewith inclosed.

The concurrent action of two French Consular officers at points so remote from each other as Galveston and Richmond; the evident understanding which exists between them; the similarity of their views and conduct; the choice of Mr. Quitman as the party to be approached, he being originally considered as identified with the party opposed to the Administration, while Mr. Wendell is its supporter; all concur in satisfying us that there is not only concert of action between these officials, but that their conduct has been dictated by some common superior. In plain language, we feel authorized to infer that the French Government has, for some interest of its own, instructed some of its consular agents here to foal the way, and if possible to provoke some movement on the part of the State of Texas which shall result in its withdrawal from the Confederacy. It is difficult, if not impossible, on any other hypothesis, to account for the conduct of these agents.

I have, in accordance with the instructions of the President, expelled both M. Tarnaud and M. Taboulle from the Confederacy, and have forbidden their return without the previous permission of the Government. I inclose you copies of the orders of expulsion, marked C and D.

In endeavoring to account for such a course of action on the part of the French Government, I can only attribute it to one or both of the following causes:

1. The Emperor of the French has determined to conquer and hold Mexico as a colony, and is desirous of interposing a weak power between his new colony and the Confederate States, in order that he may feel secure against any interference with his designs on Mexico.

2. The French Government is desirous of securing for itself an independent source of cotton supply, to effect that possessed by Great Britain in India, and designs to effect this purpose by taking under its protection the State of Texas, which, after being acknowledged as an independent Republic, would, in its opinion, be in effect as dependent on France, and as subservient to French interests as if a French colony.

It is more than probable that both these considerations would have weight in the counsels of the French Cabinet, and we are not without suspicion that the fortunate diplomacy of Mr. Seward may have had some influence in inspiring such designs. The desire to weaken the Confederacy, to exhibit it to the world as "a rope of sand," without cohesion and consolidated and therefore not worthy of recognition as an independent member of the family of nations, would afford ample motives for the adoption of such a course by the Cabinet of the United States, which is driven to a diplomacy of expedients in the desperate effort to avert the impending doom which awaits the party now in power in Washington.

One other suggestion occurs to me, which you may receive as purely conjectural on my part. It is known to me personally that at the time of the annexation of Texas to the United States, Mr. Dubois de Saligny, the present French Minister in Mexico, and who was at that time French Chargé d'Affaires to the Republic of Texas, was vehemently opposed to the annexation, and was active in endeavoring to obstruct and prevent it. Even at that date the dispatches of Mr. Guizot, which I had an opportunity of reading, were filled with arguments to show that the interests of Texas were identical with those of France, and that both would be promoted by the maintenance of a separate nationality in Texas. The intrigue now on foot, therefore, accords completely with a policy in regard to Texas that may be almost said to be traditional with France; and it is not impossible that the movement of the consular agents here has received its first impulse from the French legation in Mexico, instead of the Cabinet of the Tuileries.

These movements are not considered as having the slightest importance so far as their effect on Texas is concerned. The answers of Gov. Lubbock and the letter of Mr. Oldham will satisfy you how little these gentlemen were disposed to encourage such attempts, while the popular feeling in Texas is best evinced by the fact that she has seventy regiments of volunteers in our army. But the evidence thus afforded of a disposition on the part of France to seize on this crisis of our fate as her occasion for the promotion of selfish interests, and this, too, after the assurance of friendly disposition, or at worst, impartial neutrality, which you have received from the leading public men of France, cannot but awaken solicitude; and the President trusts that you will use every effort to discover the source, extent and designs of these intrigues, and whether the United States are participating therein. It may, perhaps, be in your power to make use of this discovery also by awakening the British Government to a sense of the fact that designs are entertained of which that Government is not probably aware, and which it may be unwilling to see accomplished.

An enlarged and generous statesmanship would seem to indicate as clearly that the establishment of Southern Independence on a secure basis (and with a strong frontier on the southwest) would be for the of the United States, as well as to prevent extensive French colonization on our Southern border) would promote the true interests of Great Britain, that we find it difficult to account for her persistent refusal to recognize our independence. The knowledge of a recent attempt on the part of France to obtain separate advantage of such vast magnitude may perhaps induce a change in the views of the British Cabinet. I speak of the attempt as recent, for it is scarcely possible to suppose that the action of the French Consuls here could have occurred in advance of the British Government. If you come to the conclusion that these conjectures are well founded, you are at liberty to make known to Her Majesty's Government the facts herein communicated, either through the British Minister at Paris, or by concert with Mr. Mason. It is deemed desirable that in either event you should advise Mr. Mason of the course you may adopt, as it is very probable the English Government will learn from Richmond the fact of the expulsion of the Consuls, and the cause of the action of this Government, which, from its very nature, is accompanied by some degree of publicity.

I inclose to Mr. Mason, for his information, a copy of this communication. Your obedient servant,

J. P. BENJAMIN, Secretary of State.

Hon. John Slidell, Commissioner, &c., &c., Paris.

Orleans 20, 1862.

P.S. Since the foregoing was written I have had an interview with Mr. Tarnaud, and from the explanations offered by him, and certain acts which have come to my knowledge, I have become satisfied that, notwithstanding the singular coincidence between his conversation with Mr. Oldham and the communication of Mr. Thouvenel to Gov. Lubbock, there was no concert of action between them, and that Taboulle is no party to the intrigue referred to. The order for his expulsion has been therefore revoked, as you will perceive by the annexed copy of a letter to him, marked E.

It is barely possible, though I think not probable, that Texans may have acted on his own ideas of what he supposed would be agreeable to his superiors, and not in consequence of instructions. The whole matter is one of great delicacy, and I must leave it to your own discretion how best to treat it, after endeavoring to satisfy yourself whether Texan movements were dictated by the French Cabinet. Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. P. BENJAMIN, Secretary of State.

[Private and confidential.]

Executive Department, Austin, Texas, Sept. 11, 1862.

To His Excellency, Jefferson Davis, President, &c., Richmond, Va.:

Sir: I have the honor to forward for your consideration the inclosed copies of letters, the one (marked A) from the French and Spanish Consul at Galveston, the other (marked B) being my reply thereto.

As the proceeding of the said Consul would seem to indicate an incipient intrigue, I have deemed it proper to advise you thereof on the threshold.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your obedient servant, F. R. LUBBOCK.

[A.] [Confidential.]

Consulate Agency for France and Vice-Consulate for Spain in Galveston, Galveston, Aug. 16, 1862.

To His Excellency F. R. Lubbock, Governor of the State of Texas:

Sir: Will you be kind enough to inform me confidentially of your personal opinion on the following questions:

1. The annexation of the Republic of Texas to the United States was or was not a good political measure?

2. The act of disunion and of the junction of the State of Texas to the Southern States, was or was not another good or bad policy taken by the State? And,

3. The redestablishment of the old Republic of Texas will or will not be beneficial to our beloved adopted country?

Your answer to these questions, Sir, will serve me as a guide in my political correspondence with the Governments which I have the honor to represent.

I have the honor, Sir, and with very much respect, to be your obedient servant, B. THERON,

French and Spanish Consul.

I certify the above and foregoing to be a true copy of the original now on file in the Executive Department of Austin, Texas.

James Pool, Private Secretary.

[B] Executive Department, Austin, Texas, Sept. 9, 1862.

B. Theron, Esq., French and Spanish Consul, Galveston:

Sir: Your communication of 19th ultimo is before me, and contents duly noted.

In answer to your first interrogatory, permit me to say that the annexation of Texas to the United States was a good political measure.

As to your second question, I answer most emphatically that "the act of disunion and of the junction of the State of Texas to the Southern States was a good and proper political step."

In reply to your third inquiry, I have to say "the redestablishment of the old Republic of Texas will not be beneficial to our beloved adopted country."

Texas has linked her fate with that of her sisters of the South. She will be true, steadfast and victorious. I have the honor to be,

Yours very respectfully, F. R. LUBBOCK.

True copy of the original.

James Pool, Private Secretary.

[B.] Richmond, Oct. 13, 1862.

His Excellency Jefferson Davis, President, &c.:

Sir: On to-day M. Taboulle, French Vice-Consul at Richmond, sought an introduction to me in the Senate chamber, and stated that he desired to obtain from me certain statistical information in regard to Texas. I told him that I did not have the time to give him the desired information, but if he would call at my room I would take pleasure in giving him any information which I possessed. He promised to call this evening, which he did, and has just left my room. I deem it proper to give you the substance of the conversation between us, as it had a connection with the subject matter of the correspondence between the Governor of Texas and French Consular Agent at Galveston, of which you advised Gen. Wigfall and myself a few days since.

After I had furnished him with information in regard to the area, population, debt, taxes and agricultural productive capacity of Texas, he remarked that the resources of the State were magnificent, and capable of supporting a powerful and independent people, and then asked me whether I thought it would not be in the interest of the State to assume an independent nationality. I told him that the people of Texas, being mostly emigrants from the old Southern States, were strongly attached to those States, and to our Federative system of Government, which I at some length explained to him. I told him that they never could have been induced to secede from the United States but to preserve that form of Government, which was in danger of being destroyed. I further stated to him that not only the affections and sympathies, but also the interests of the people of Texas bound them to the States of the Confederacy; that their institutions, pursuits, and agricultural products were the same, and that mutual safety required harmony amongst them, which could only be insured by a Confederacy; that as a separate and independent State Texas would be weak and incapable of self-defence, that we were sensible that we would be subject to be involved in collisions with our sister Southern States; that the similarity of institutions and production, which are now bonds of union and the cause of harmony, would become causes of rivalries, jealousies, and perhaps wars between the States; that in the Confederacy we would not be a weak and dependent people, incapable of resenting insult or repelling aggression. The subject was then waived, and we talked of other matters.

But for the fact you had called my attention to the correspondence between the Governor of Texas and the French consular agent at Galveston, this conversation would, perhaps, have made no impression upon my mind. But as an introduction to me was sought by the Vice-Consul, with the view to obtaining statistical information in regard to Texas, and the subject of the separate independence of that State was thus introduced by him, it struck me that it was not casual or accidental. He furthermore stated to me that he had written to the consular agent at Galveston for information upon the resources of Texas, and had received from him a specimen of sample of Texas wool, which he either had or intended to send to France.

I have deemed it proper to communicate the foregoing to you, as affording confirmatory evidence to the conclusion that it is the object of Louis Napoleon, and perhaps of other of the European Powers, to induce Texas to assume an independent nationality. The fact communicated by you to Gen. Wigfall and myself put me on my guard, and caused me to be more explicit and specific than I might otherwise have been, for the purpose of dissipating such design if it exists, and to induce whatever steps that may be taken to be for the benefit of the entire Confederacy.

I am, Sir, respectfully, your obedient servant, W. S. OLDHAM.

MR. BENJAMIN TO MR. THERON.

[C.] Department of State, Richmond, Oct. 17, 1862.

Sir: The Governor of Texas has communicated to the President a correspondence between him and yourself, in which you plainly attempted to induce the Governor to enter into some understanding or arrangement for the withdrawal of Texas from this Confederacy. This attempt on your part is considered by the President as an abuse of the hospitality of the Confederacy, and as indicating hostility on your part to this Government and people.

Your presence within the Confederacy can no longer be permitted. You are therefore required to depart immediately, and not to return without the previous permission of this Government.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant, J. P. BENJAMIN, Secretary of State.

Mr. B. Theron, French Consular Agent, and Vice Consul for Spain, Galveston, Texas.

MR. BENJAMIN TO MAJ.-GEN. MAGRUDER.

Department of State, Richmond, Oct. 17, 1862.

Sir: Herewith you will find inclosed a letter addressed to Mr. B. Theron, French Consular Agent and Vice-Consul for Spain at Galveston, Texas, requiring that functionary to depart immediately from the Confederacy.

The President requests that you will have this order executed as promptly as can be done without undue harshness, and that you have Mr. Theron conveyed under surveillance to Matamoros or other convenient point on the Mexican frontier, whence he can depart for Europe if he chooses.

Mr. Theron will be allowed to make such disposal of the books and papers of his consulate as he may deem proper.

Please acknowledge receipt of this communication. Your obedient servant, J. P. BENJAMIN, Secretary of State.

Maj.-Gen. J. B. Magruder, Spottswood Hotel.

MR. BENJAMIN TO MONS. TABOULLE.

[D.] Department of State, Richmond, Oct. 17, 1862.

Sir: Hon. Mr. Oldham, Senator from the State of Texas, having communicated to the President the substance of a conversation held with you on the 12th instant, in the course of which you sought to impress on that Senator the conviction that it would be for the interest of the State of Texas to separate herself from this Confederacy, I am instructed by the President to inform you that your presence within the Confederacy can no longer be permitted, your conduct being considered hostile to this Government and people.

You are therefore required to depart from the Confederacy, and not to return without the previous permission of this Government. You will prepare to leave by the flag-of-truce-boat, which will depart on the 18th instant.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant, J. P. BENJAMIN, Secretary of State.

Mons. Taboulle, Vice-Consul of France, Richmond.

[E.] Department of State, Richmond, Oct. 18, 1862.

Sir: I have seen the President since my interview with yourself and Mr. Giles this morning, and having taken into consideration your explanations in relation to your interview with Mr. Oldham, and the other facts stated by you, the President is satisfied that your conversation with Mr. Oldham was not prompted by any hostility to this Government, and that you are not connected with the intrigue known to exist, having for its object to induce the withdrawal of the State of Texas from this Confederacy. You will therefore consider the order to depart from the Confederacy as withdrawn, and you will remain at liberty to reside here at heretofore. Your obedient servant, J. P. BENJAMIN, Secretary of State.

Mess. Taboulle, at French Consulate, Richmond.

MR. BENJAMIN TO MR. DE LEON.

[No. 2.] Department of State, Richmond, Dec. 12, 1862.

Sir:—I avail myself of an unexpected opportunity to acknowledge receipt of your Nos. 1 and 2. They have been read with lively interest, and you will not fail to keep the Department fully advised of your conclusions as to the probable action of European Powers, as fast as their views are developed, either through the Press or other agencies.

The President has been so fully occupied with military matters that it has been scarcely possible for me to confer with him at length on the matters suggested by you, and he has just departed very suddenly for a tour in the Southwest, where his presence was greatly needed to restore affairs and to impart renewed energy and activity to our military operations.

On his return I will take measures to forward you additional means to enable you to extend the field of your operations, and to embrace, if possible, the Press of Central Europe in your campaign. Austria and Prussia, as well as the smaller Germanic Powers, seem to require intelligence of the true condition of our affairs, and of the nature of our struggle, and it is to be hoped you may find means to act with efficiency in molding public opinion in these countries.

When I send you a remittance, on the return of the President, at the end of this month, I will give you my views more at large.

The bearer of this goes in part to communicate arrangements for more prompt communication, and I hope that for the future my dispatches will reach Europe more regularly and promptly.

Your obedient servant, J. P. BENJAMIN, Secretary of State.

Edwin de Leon, Esq., Care of Hon. John Slidell, &c., Paris.

MR. BENJAMIN TO MR. MASON.

[No. 8.] Department of State, Richmond, Oct. 28, 1862.

Hon. James M. Mason, &c., &c., &c., London:

Sir: Since my No. 7, of 20th ultimo, I have had the pleasure of receiving your Nos. 14, 15, 16 and 17, dated respectively 5th July, 6th August, 16th September, and 16th September. The two latter were received by special messenger, who reached Richmond on the 21st instant. The two former were delivered by Mr. Frank, who did not arrive till 20th instant.

The contents of Nos. 14 and 15 are so voluminous (and they were accompanied by others of equal bulk from Mr. Slidell) that I have not yet been able to confer with the President in relation to them, and shall therefore defer replying, the more especially as I shall have another opportunity of forwarding dispatches in a very few days.

The arrangements made by the bearer of dispatches 16 and 17, for facilitating intercourse between us, have been approved, and will be continued as long as successful. The details will be explained to you by the bearer of this dispatch (Mr. George Sanders) in person.

The subject of a loan, based on cotton certificates, has been fully considered, and you will receive herewith a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, informing you of the conclusions reached by us after much deliberation. I communicated to the Secretary your tender of services in connection with this matter, and he requests me to express his thanks and to solicit your aid and cooperation in any movements that may be made to secure success by Mr. Francis, to whom the Government has confided the business, in consequence chiefly of your recommendation. He had been appointed to take charge of other negotiations before the receipt of your last dispatches.

The President desires me to express his approval and satisfaction with your conduct in assuming, under the circumstances, the responsibility of making the arrangements necessary for the success of Capt. Sinclair in his arrangements for building a ship.

It is gratifying to perceive that you had, as was confidently anticipated, received a cordial welcome, and determined not to withdraw from London without the previous instructions of the President. Your correspondence with Earl Russell shows with what scant courtesy you have been treated, and exhibits a marked contrast between the conduct of the English and French statesmen now in office, in their intercourse with foreign agents, eminently discreditable to the former. It is lamentable that at this late period in the nineteenth century, a nation so enlightened as Great Britain should have failed yet to discover that a principal cause of the dislike and hatred toward England, of which complaints are rife in her Parliament and in her Press, is the offensive arrogance of some of her public men. The contrast is striking between the polished courtesy of M. Thouvenel and the rude incivility of Earl Russell. Your determination to submit to these annoyances in the service of your country and to overlook personal slights, while hope remains that your continued presence in England may benefit our cause, cannot fail to meet the warm approval of your Government. I refrain, however, from further comment on the contents of your dispatches, till the attention of the President (now concentrated on efforts to repair the ill effects of the failure of the Kentucky campaign) can be directed to your correspondence with Earl Russell.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, J. P. BENJAMIN, Secretary of State.

THE TREASURY AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS.

It seems that, previous to the departure of Mr. Geo. N. Sanders for Europe, certain legislation of the Confederate Congress, which had been proposed in the matter of contracting for the construction of iron-clad ships in Europe, encountered the opposition of that gentleman. The following memorandum from him on this subject is found among the intercepted papers. Addressed to "Ruff Sanders," it was probably placed by the latter in the hands of Mr. Memminger or Mr. Mallory, respectively, the Secretaries of the Confederate Treasury and Navy:

Richmond, Aug. 8, 1862.

Any legislation in regard to the construction of iron-clad steamers, until time is given me to get mine under way, will be very unjust. My detention here was necessary to the perfection of the contracts, which took place only on Saturday. The final instructions of the Navy Department have been issued but a few days. Bungling entering the European market might endanger the entire scheme. Great skill and diplomacy must be exercised to avoid the interference of European Governments.

No one is entitled to my suggestions until full time is given me to carry them out. GEORGE N. SANDERS.

To Ruff Sanders.

To this is added by Sanders the following list of names, consisting of persons connected with the Confederate Administration and Congress. Several of the names, it will be seen, have a cross prefixed to them, intimating probably that they already favored his views, or needed to be still further approached on the subject. This supposition is, however, purely conjectural on our part. The list is as follows, in G. N. Sanders' handwriting:

President Davis,		Secretary Mallory,
Vice-President Stephens,		P. M. G. Reagan,
†Simms,	†Breckinridge,	Boyce,
Barnett,	†Conrad,	†Garnett,
Hunter,	Miles,	Bill,
Henry,	†Reed,	Wright, of Tenn.,
†Brown, of Miss.,	Matches,	Haskin,
†Orr,	Bruce,	Lyons,
Johnson,	Cooke,	†Foote,
Wigfall,	†Becock,	†Pugh,
†Clarke,		

The following unsigned letter is also found among the captured papers:

Hon. S. R. Mallory, Secretary of the Navy:

Sir: As I contemplate leaving here without loss of time for Europe, for the purpose of rendering important and valuable service to the Confederacy, I deem it proper to recommend to you the necessity of my having the the cooperation of Commodore Foxhazer in the plans which have been suggested to you. He is an officer of experience, and well qualified to lend important assistance which may result in the complete realization of my hopes and expectations; indeed, if Commodore Foxhazer could accompany me, or be sent out to give his attention to matters connected with the plans I have in contemplation, I am satisfied that with the professional knowledge of these gentlemen, we cannot fail to subserve our interests and render high and important service to our cause, both in superintending and constructing the vessels built to cut up the enemy's commerce.

I have the honor.

The following memorandum appears to be in the same handwriting with the above letter, though much disguised or very carelessly written:

Gazzam & Co., of Scotland, and W. S. Lindsay & Co., of London, are the houses with whom I had the negotiation about the steamers. I request Capt. Sinclair, of the Confederate navy, to make all preliminary arrangements for the contract by my return. (See Mr. Ruff, he will meet you in London.

Geo. Townsend & Co., Glasgow, will make proposals for the construction of at least one steamer. They have the drawing and estimates complete.

Lindsay & Co. will negotiate the naval store bonds.

D. Ross & Co. may undertake enough to load one vessel (Nova Scotia) with shoes and clothing, under the North Carolina contract. Turpentine 100 should bring per gallon $2; resin should bring $6 94 being $8.

Confederate States Navy Department, Richmond, Oct. 27, 1862.

Hon. C. G. Memminger, Secretary of the Treasury:

Sir: I have the honor to call your attention to the copy of the secret joint resolution of Congress, which was sent you on Saturday, and to so much of my recommendation to Congress upon the subject of the act as shows the basis upon which it was passed, a copy of which was also sent to you on Saturday.

Under this authority contracts have been made with Mr. Geo. N. Sanders by this department for six ships, to be paid for in cotton, a copy of which contract is herewith inclosed.

Mr. Sanders informs me that if the Government will fix the price of the cotton to be delivered, he can execute his contract, and not otherwise; and deeming the ships important to the public interest, I suggest for your consideration the expediency of stating the price, and of pursuing, with reference to payment in cotton for these ships, the course you have adopted with regard to the cotton bonds.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant, S. R. MALLORY, Secretary of the Navy.

MR. MEMMINGER TO MR. MALLORY.

Confederate States of America, Treasury Department, Richmond, Oct. 30, 1862.

Sir: I approve the suggestion made by you of making your contract for building iron-clad vessels in Europe conform to the arrangement of the cotton certificates sent to Hon. J. M. Mason. I inclose a form of each of these certificates. Upon the meeting of Congress an appropriation must be made to meet your contracts, and the terms can then be altered so as to conform the mode of payment to the cotton certificates, fixing a price for the cotton, and providing for the delivery at any port upon adding the charges of transportation. The only link to these combined operations will be the quantity of cotton which the Government can purchase, which I hope will be found ample.

Respectfully, your obedient servant, C. G. MEMMINGER, Secretary of the Treasury.

[The "Cotton Certificates" inclosed in the foregoing letter are the same as those printed above.]

MR. MALLORY TO MR. MASON.

Confederate States of America, Navy Department, Richmond, Oct. 30, 1862.

Hon. James M. Mason, Commissioner of the Confederate States to Great Britain, London:

Sir: Mr. Sanders has, as you are aware, contracted with this Department for the construction, in Europe, of six first-class steamers, consisting of seven of the frigates, and the farther, ships in a manner which will enable them to force the blockade of our ports.

The interests of the country will be much benefited by the prompt construction of these vessels; and I beg leave to invoke your interest, not only in behalf of our enterprises already in progress, but in behalf of this class.

The Secretary of the Treasury has this day addressed to me a note upon the subject of the cotton to be delivered in liquidation of these contracts, and I inclose herewith a copy. I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant, S. R. MALLORY, Secretary of the Navy.

[Duplicate.]

Treasury Department, C. S. A., Richmond, Oct. 31, 1862.

Messrs. Fraser, Trenholm & Co., Liverpool, G. B.:

Gentlemen:—The inclosed letter to Mr. James Spence is sent to you for your guidance and consideration. Respectfully your obedient servant, C. G. MEMMINGER, Secretary of Treasury.

MR. MEMMINGER TO MR. SPENCE.

[Duplicate.]

Confederate States of America, Treasury Department, Richmond, Oct. 31, 1862.

James Spence, Esq., Liverpool, G. B.:

Sir: As you have been appointed financial agent for the Confederate States, and Messrs. Fraser, Trenholm & Co. are its depositaries under our law, I desire that you would confer together on the matter submitted by this letter.

I have on hand gold and silver coin, (chiefly the former,) two and a half millions of which I desire to apply in payment of articles purchased in England by our agents for the use of the Confederate Government. We find it impossible to purchase a sufficient amount of exchange for these purposes, and the small amount to be had is at such high rates that it would be desirable to furnish a substitute. I propose, therefore, to make payment for purchases by a transfer to the creditor of as much of this coin as may be requisite. I presume that when the coin thus becomes bona fide the property of a British subject, that the British Government would, at his instance, permit any of his vessels to bring over the same for his account